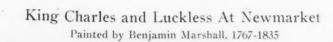


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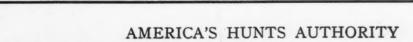
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#### INTERNATIONAL CYCLORAMA

As Calumet's Armed won the \$50,000 Widener at John Clark's beautiful Hialeah in Florida on Saturday and left the following Monday for California for the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, the day of racing by air appears in reality. Such a double feature in the country's biggest classics within the space of a week, an absolute daydream for a self-respecting trainer a few years back, now becomes not only feasible, but an essential. Horses of Armed's quality will be unable to shoot for the world's astronomic money winning awards without such travel trips.

Armed's flight coincides suitably enough with James Butler's and Bob Kelley's return from England, Ireland and France where the president of the Empire Racing Association laid the ground work for his \$100,000 International Race which will become a fait accomplithis year. Whether it will be at Belmont, or at Jamaica where Empire has been a guest or at some other location is not yet known, but the fact remains, there will be International racing in the very near future and racing men of all countries are very much interested in furthering its development.

Significant points in the Butler-Kelly trip appear to be the desire for cooperation, the realization that in spite of such difficulties as varying racing conditions, turf vs. dirt, age and weights, the racing gentry are prepared to make the game work, brought together by the miracle of air travel that has made continents hours instead of weeks apart.

There are going to be difficulties which will not be ironed out by the time Empire's first International Race is a matter of history because racing customs of each country will forbid it and customs, particularly English customs, cannot be changed overnight. There will be some horses, however, shipped over here for this race al-though the number of committments made to Mr. Butler are not

An interesting development of this trip, in fact one that may even surpass present plans for the big International classic, is a suggestion coming from the irrepressible Irish and which appeared to them of even greater concern than the \$100,000 flat race.

"What about International steeplechasing?"

Here is a rare proposition for many American amateurs to weigh carefully because, although it was left to the Irish to propound, it may well be up to us to put it into effect.

There is at first glance not nearly so many difficulties as racing on the flat entails. Weight, age, courses and distances can all be made to conform with comparatively little alteration of custom. Granted timber would be out, many an American timber horse has raced well over the English Grand National and such a capable 'chasing trainer as James E. Ryan feels there is no better preparation for the big brush classic than our own timber racing, where a horse

cannot afford to make mistakes, not many, and must stand off and must jump big. An International Steeplechase of \$25,000 to \$50,000 to be run one year in the United States, one year in England over a 4 mile turf course with jumps on Grand National lines is in truth a race to conjure with. One thing is certain, the Irish would be there.

#### **Letters To The Editor**

#### "Exception" Not "The Rule

Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the article by Capt. Boris W. Wolkonsky, which you printed in The Chronicle of Jan. 24, 1947. I am sure you have had many letters in protest due to the nature of the article, and I wish to add my protest at this time. Had you, in the editor's note, stated that Capt. Wolkonsky was recording his impressions of the "exception" and not the "rule", instead of the contrary, his article would have contained a few points of the truth.

The editor's note mentions the fact that Capt. Wolkonsky's "Impressions are limited to the Northwest as he has never visited Texas". There are several horse-raising states in the Southwest (including Texas). Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma are just a few. In the Southwest, as in the Northwest, the Quarter Horse "is very popular now." In fact all the stock shows from the Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth, Texas on west, through The Tucson Livestock Show in Tucson, Arizona, to the coast (mentioning only two out of a great many shows) are limited to only Quarter Horse entries.

To anyone who has had anything to do with (or even understands) the cattle business, the rodeo arena, or stock shows west of the Mississippi River, the Quarter Horse does not appear a "mysterious looking animal". On the contrary, the breed has been and is being bred toward

not appear a "mysterious looking animal". On the contrary, the breed has been and is being bred toward an ideal—to fulfill a need, a definite purpose and, therefore, to the Quarter Horse breeder or enthusiast, there is nothing "mysterious" about the result of perhaps many years of

there is nothing "mysterious" about the result of perhaps many years of breeding.

The name of the breed does refer to the burst of speed on the quarter mile, speed which necessitates highly muscled quarters, (does not necessitate the "sickled hocks.") of course, a horse that has cost a breeder many hundred dollars to produce or an individual to buy, is not "suddenly being rounded up, put into a small corral, roped, choked into submission, haltered and then subjected to torture which few Easterners can imagine". On the contrary, a Quarter Horse, whether being trained for the racetrack, for the rodeo arena, or for ranch work requires as much patience and time as does the Thoroughbred for any of its fields. That's not denying the fact that there are bad trainers and cruel owners in any part of the country. Capt. Wolkonsky states in one

capt. Wolkonsky states in one paragraph that "Eastern horses do grow and mature until they are 7-years-old, uniformly possess excellent feet, a great deal of bone, and good wind," and in another paragraph that in raising horses in the West there is, "Insufficient feeding while they are young," causing underdevedopment, a small horse.

May I point out that one looking for the hunter type of horse on the Western ranches must indeed "travel far and wide to find the desirable type, as the breeder at the pre-

sent time has no aim to breed for", nor will he in the future. The hunt-er type is not desirable in the West.

er type is not desirable in the West.

I would further like to point out
that Capt. Wolkonsky's statement
that "one seldom sees old horses in
the West because they just don't
survive the ordeal" is absolutely
ludicrous. There is many a cowboy
in the rodeo arena and on the ranch in the rodeo arena and on the ranch whose top rope-horse is in his late teens. Ike Rude of Buffalo, Okla. one of the top steer-ropers of today, was seen in a matched roping event in Tucson, Arlzona this past fall, roping off a horse called "Blue" who is in his late teens.

who is in his late teens.

Incidentally, the steers weighed from 700 to 800 lbs. apiece! Hard work for a horse who has been broken by choking, break-the spirit method! Then there is the stud "Tip" of Ozona, Texas, belonging to Joe Davidson. "Tip" though now 22 years old continues to produce well and his colts are selling at top prices.

I am sorry to see The Chronicle print an article which shows such brief observation of the West from the East. Seems as though we might make a more complete and understanding survey of any situation before stating "the rule", rather, "the general rule".

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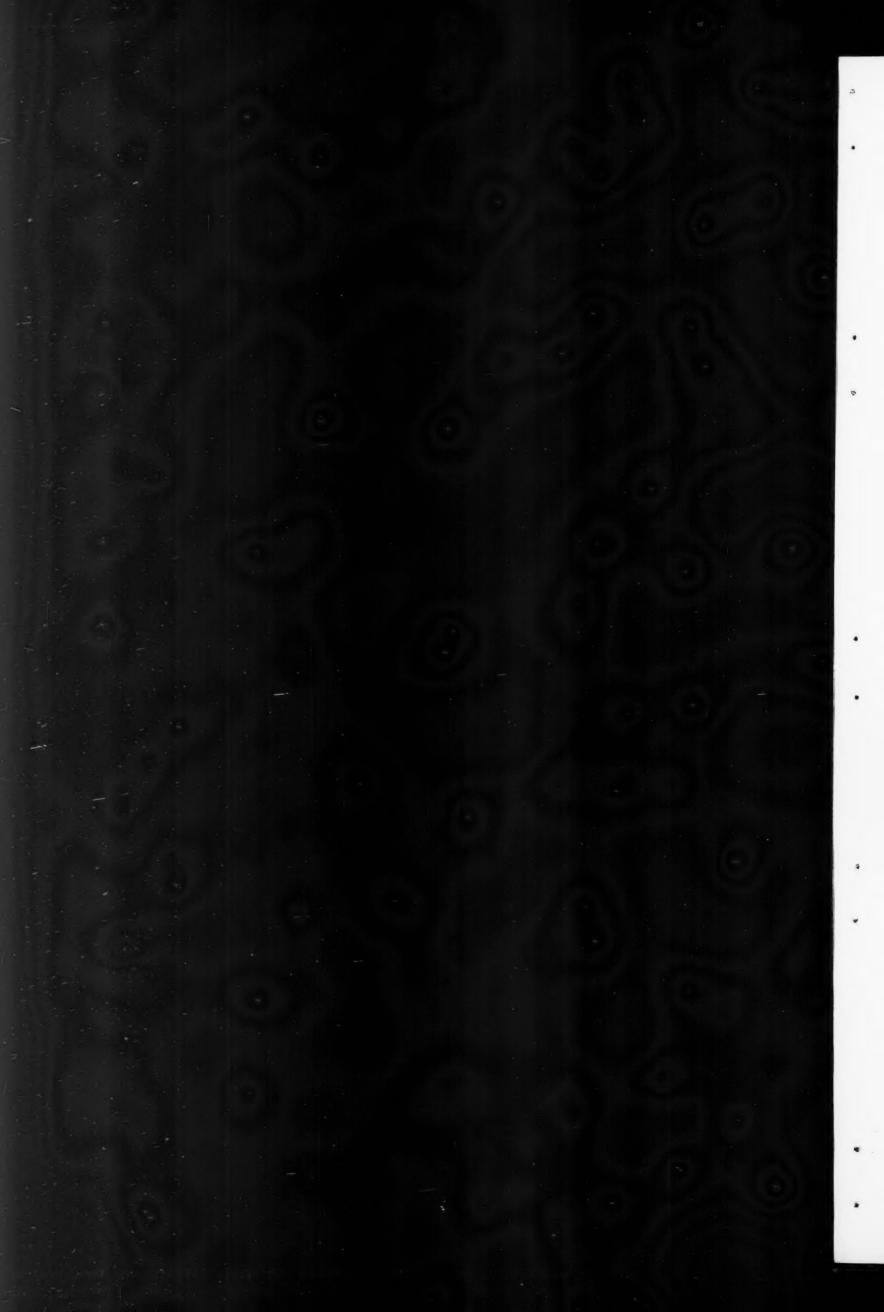
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## Horse Shows and Children

#### Do Young Enthusiasts Show From A Sporting Or Professional Angle? Juvenile Classes Should Merit Individual Attention

by Margaret Cabell Self

For many centuries warfare was the prime stimulus for the develop-ment of fine horseflesh and fine horsemen. Then, early in the history of the horse as servant to mankind

horsemen. Then, early in the history of the horse as servant to mankind, sport also became important. The Romans had their chariot races, the monks and abbesses coursed the hare and ran the fox and, a little later monarchs and their retinues patronized the race course.

All these served to promote interest in breeding. Religion and invention also served, for had gunpowder not been invented the war-horse would still be the heavy, draft type used by the knights in armour. And were it not for the puritan's prejudice against the running of races the trotter and pacer would still be between the shafts of the deacon's top buggy instead of on the track.

The horse show is a comparative newcomer to the scene. But it has had the advantage of both promoting and retaining interest in many types of horses. Some of these, such as the harness pony would long since have vanished but for the competi-

types of horses. Some of these, such as the harness pony would long since have vanished but for the competition of the ring. As the competition grows keener, better and better horses are bred. And the future of the horse show is assured by the predominance of youthful riders. But as one goes to the shows year after year one wonders whether these young people are getting what they should from the experience of showing. Is the child learning to be a

lover of horses, a good sportsman and improving his skill as a rider? There are a few children, mostly young girls to whom showing is practically a profession. The choice of school is determined by the amount of time which will be allowed off for following the show circuit. All too many of them, at a very early age, begin to ape the sophistication and often the bad manners of the adult professionals with whom they are thrown. Showing, to them, is not a sport, it is an opportunity for winning ribbons. The horse is not a creature to be loved and cherished, he is a vehicle for carrying off the blues and the championship rosettes, and if he doesn't win them with sufficient regularity he is soon turned in as one would turn in a car for a later model. model

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I often think of the scene described by Enid Bagnold in National Vervet where the little girl, Velvet, has entered the Pie in a gymkhana. It is his first show and he is very green indeed. The class is a jumping class over a hunter trial type of course. The Pie takes the first few jumps very awkwardly. Then over the next to the last obstacle, he soars like a bird. Whereupon Velvet leaves the ring without taking the final hurdle thus disqualifying herself for an award. Some think she has lost her nerve but when questioned about it she explains that she did not want to run the risk of having the Pie do



THIS YOUNGSTER was a keen enthusiast at the Devon Horse Show in the junior division. Carl Klein Photo.



ALWAYS AN interesting class is the one which brings young drivers into the ring. Carl Klein Photo.



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COSTUME CLASSES provide great fun for the young en-The above seems undecided whether to go ahead with his "elephant" and passenger. John Metcalfe Photo.



COOLING out her pony after winning a lead-line class; the 3rd blue for the young lady in 1946. Darling Photo.

the last jump badly. She wanted him to be left with that wonderful feeling of accomplishment and joy of success which she knows he must be feeling after his beautiful performance over the one perfectly negotiated fence. She could not bear to have him lose that, after he had tried so hard. I often wonder how many of our modern young riders would even understand such a feeling for a horse.

many or our modern young raters would even understand such a feeling for a horse.

But the "semi-professional" child riders form a fairly small fraction of children showing today and there is a very large group of children throughout the country who are interested in riding and horses. It is this group which I feel suffers the most from the present state of the doldrums into which equitation classes have fallen. To remain alive there must be progress and change. One cannot say there has been much progress or change in Good Hands and Jumping Equitation classes for children over the last 15 or 20 years. There is still the same lack of standardization in the judging. The

American, Horse Shows Assn. Rule Book lays down certain principles of what they consider the correct seat but one sometimes wonders whether the judges are familiar with these principles. Judges are called upon to judge classes of 30, 40 or more riders with not nearly enough time allowed for them to glance more than briefly at all but a few.

Children riding beautifully schooled good hands horses compete against others on hired ponies or heavyweight hunters that may go splendidly when following hounds but are not dextrous at small figure eights. And above all no attempt is made to score the riders individually on seat, hands, control, use of the aids, etc., and then make these scores available to the children after the class is judged so that the may have the opportunity of learning wherein they fell short.

It is not uncommon for a class of 40 riders to enter the ring together. After a short walk, trot, canter and reverse all but 8 or 10 will be excontinued on Page Five

# Heads Up At The Winter Fair

(Photos by Star Newspaper Service)





PHOTOGRAPHICALLY SPEAKING, the cameramen at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, Canada did not offer a selection which included more than heads and shoulders of horses and riders. Above left, Col. Earl Thomson, captain of the U. S. International Team who had outstanding performances on RASCAL, is pictured congratulating the young Canadian horseman, Doug Cudney, who is said to have learned to ride "the hard way". Above right, Vernon Cardy's ATOMIC, which won the \$2,000 jumper stake at Madison Square Garden, is found with his lovely riders, the Misses Betty Bosley of Monkton, Md. and Edith and Helen Ferguson, twin Canadians.





LEFT ABOVE, the oldest rider and the youngest rider at the Fair captured the crowd and were named King and Queen respectively. Little Miss Nancy Potter, (Dartmouth, Mass.), showed her small Shetland pony and was a popular youngster with all exhibitors. King Tommy Smith has ridden for 60 years and hails from London, Ontario. The competition at the Fair left nothing to be desired and Miss Marion Buscher of Strafford, above right, offers encouragement to her mount, TONY, before they enter the ring for the keenest competition.

#### Miss Ritterbush's Acceptance Of The Van Sinderen Trophy

(Editor's Note: When Miss Ann Ritterbush, Westfield, N. J., got up to speak at the American Horse Shows Assn. annual luncheon to say a word or two in acceptance of the Van Sinderen Trophy, emblematic of the junior member scoring the greatest number of points in A. H. 3. A. Medal Classes for 1946, she little represented a youngster with the age and experience to have the presence of mind to so ably repre-

sent her love of a horse and understanding of the basic fundamentals of sportsmanship as she did. The Chronicle was greatly impressed with the sincerity of her thoughts and the clarity of her expressions. It is with considerable pleasure that we reproduce a transcript of her words for other youngsters to enjoy).

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Thank you, Mr. Van Sinderen. The honor of receiving this trophy is one that I shall always cherish.

To me, the Adrian Van Sinderen Trophy symbolizes the principles of the Sportsman's Charter of this As-sociation. Those principles of sports-manship are translated into action

in our every day participation in the shows. We must strive to have good manners so that we may win or lose with the same good spirit. We must cultivate the qualities of We must cultivate the qualities of courage, patience, and good temper because these qualities in the rider are in turn reflected in the action and disposition of the horse. We must be unselfish and sincere because these are the qualities that make for true friendship. My four years of competing in horsemanship classes will always mean much to classes will always mean much to me because the pleasures of riding are many and the enjoyable times spent with friends are irreplaceable. I thank you again, Mr. Van Sin-

deren, and the Officers and Directors of the American Horse Shows Association for making it possible for junior riders to have the pleasure and valuable experience of riding in the Medal Class. I wish to pay tribute to the judges for their kindness, interest, and helpful criticism which mean so much to all of us. I appreciate the able instruction of my teacher, Mr. Harry Janner, with whom Charming Prince and I have spent many hours of work which never seemed like anything but fun to me.

It is with great pride and deep appreciation that I receive this beautiful trophy.





#### Teaching The Young Equestrian Whys And Wherefores Of Hunting

One of the most cogent problems faced by parents, riding instructors and the fathers of the hunting field is that of teaching the young fry the whys and wherefores of fox hunting. Dress is a simple problem and sitting on their horses and riding to a fence even more readily solved (with varying degrees of success) but that of riding to hounds presents a difficult stumbling block. How can all the usual faults and foolish questions be erased without sending little Susie or Jimmie blundering into the hunting field?

This really should not be limited to the youngsters whose over-enthusiasm is generally the greatest cause for faults and which can be readily corrected by a sharp word by most anyone who feels so inclined. However, the older person newly initiated to fox hunting, barges into the field committing one unpardonable after another, is protected from the abuses so often hurled at the "young entry" by his cloak of years. These are known so aptly as thrusters.

Gordon Grand in one of his delightful novels tells of teaching three young enthusiasts the ins-and-outs of hunting by, believe it or not, importing rats from England which they built coverts for and then hunted on foot with three couple of Cairns. The oldest boy was made huntsman and his brother and sister appointed whips. Horn, hunting crops and livery were supplied and then the lingo of hunting was taught them. After these three youngsters hunted rats for a year, they were welcome assets to any hunting field instead of handicaps.

hunted rats for a year, they were welcome assets to any hunting field instead of handicaps.

Today, at Secor Farms in White Plains, Gordon Wright has found another delightful solution which is not quite as satisfactory as Mr. Grand's fictitious one but which attracts both young and old. With the kindness of neighboring Mr. Grant Straus, who has given the riders the use of his 1500 acres, they have built approximately 40 varied fences which would be met in any hunting country making it what John Jorrocks might have termed as "cut and come again" country. At each so called meet, one rider is appointed forward to keep the fox in view and to keep the field from over running or heading the "quarry". For about two hours Charles James in the form of a young equestrian, leads them a merry chase using every dreamed trick to elude his chasers. Hunt breakfasts are served afterwards which climax these gay events.

Of course another solution is that of books. Usually one member of every hunt has a better than average hunting library, and if he or she is a kind soul, will share their darlings, which prized rare out-of-prints generally are, with anyone assuring kind care and their return. But naturally the more active means or gaining knowledge is the more attractive to most youngsters. Then there is the grand daddy of the local hunt method of education and there is none more fascinating. This is the man who hunted when he was a boy on the emerald isle of Ireland and bred the original pack hunted in that part of the country where you now hunt. To spend a rainy afternoon at the foot of one of these grand old fox hunters listening to hunting lore, is something which few, no matter what age, can resist.

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Experience, the hard way in the hunting field, is no doubt the best teacher but what trial and tribulation for all this so often is; the entusiastic call to a friend that brings hounds' heads up and lose the line, the rantings of the landowner whose newly seeded field has just been galloped over, the fences torn down by unnecessary larking and so on

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#### Shows and Children

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cused. The judges will then really get down to work, have these few exchange horses, execute equitation movements and answer questions. But what about the remaining 30? What have they gotten out of the experience? On the other hand if the class had been divided and the judges given sufficient time so that they could score each child and hand him the score sheet later, that child would know what to work on and he would know that he had been given as much consideration as everyone else in the class.

In the horsemanship jumping

everyone else in the class.

In the horsemanship jumping classes we see young riders asked to jump a 3'-0" barrier on the same horse which, only a few minutes before they were putting over 4'-0" fences in competition with proressionals. Jumping class entries being rarely classified otherwise than that the entrant must not have had his or her 19th birthday these expert young horsemen are in competition with children of 8 and 10 who are just beginning their riding careers.

And if the equitation classes are

And if the equitation classes are often disappointing to the children riding, they are usually deadly dull for the spectators who stand for hours watching the same riders on the same horses going around and around doing the same things.

What is the answer? How can we make our children's classes more varied and interesting? How can we use them to promote a real love of horses and a sense of sportsmanship as well as to increase skill in riding? And how can we equalize the competition so that every child goes into the ring with the feeling that he has a fair chance of winning?

I cannot give the whole answer but I would like to suggest a few remedies which might be tried.

To begin with something in the way of team spirit and team competition should be encouraged. There should be classes for teams of 3 or 4 riders representing schools, that clubs, or junior riding organizations. These teams could compete in good hands contests, being scored individually or riding as a team abreast. Jumping classes could be scored as are the international team competitions, the team with the lowest aggregate faults winning. Hunt teams for grown-ups are common but one rarely sees a hunt team class restricted to juveniles and judged on horsemanship as well as performance.

In classes for individual riders

In classes for individual riders much can be done. Children could be classed as novice, maiden and limit according to their previous winnings as well as by age groups. Instead of the same old jumping course of 4 jumps, usually post and rails with an occasional chickencop or hedge set around the outside of the track, why not something that would really test the horsemanship of our young riders. A miniature Olympic type course of jumps would do the trick. Or why not a "mental hazard" course. This is a course in which the jumps are not high but are tricky such as two chairs facing each other, the seats touching, a wheelbarrow, a baby's bassinette or bath-tub, a string of rattling pails, etc. If the horses entered must have been trained by the young riders in order to qualify, so much the better.

into the infinite. There are no doubt many quicker and easier ways to overcome these sacrileges of the novice fox hunter than are here mentioned. And even more should be employed.



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In the equitation for advanced riders why not some modified light dressage classes, the horse to have been schooled by the rider. The movements need not be difficult, two-tracking, pivoting, frequent changes of lead, distinguishing between the collected and extended form of each gait, taking each gait directly from a halt, etc. would add much interest and give some of our good child riders something new to work on.

work on.

For small local shows I would suggest programs such as those of the English Pony Clubs. In addition to the ordinary good hands and jumping contests these shows feature a number of games and gymkhana events. Red Rover, Musical Stalls, Balloon Popping, Red Light, Hat-Snatching, Egg and Spoon, Potato Races, all these are good and offer the child who has not the natural grace to win in ordinary classes the chance of showing his dexterity and control.

In the hunter division the handy hunter tests are emphasized with the children encouraged to school their own mounts. A dismounted contest to test the hunting knowledge of the children is also good. This can be played like the old fashioned spelling bee, a contestant who can answer a question missed by those above him in line moving up.

The idea of scoring both in horsemanship jumping and good hands classes is most important and to clarify this a sheet explaining the scoring and giving the specifications of the accepted seat should be maited to each entrant when his entry blank is received. A blackboard on which the scores are listed at the end of the judging might also be useful.

Just as the demand for the easy-gaited horse brought us the plantation walker so a variety of competitive classes would tend to widen the riding education of our young horsemen and of our children's mounts as well as making the children's classes far more interesting to spectators, judges and contestants.

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#### Situation of Farriers Somewhat Relieved By Experiment of Michigan College; Good Financial Aspects For Businessmen

by A. Mackay Smith

One of the paradoxes of this modern age is that the more labor sav-ing devices we invent the less labor we seem to have to operate them. ern age is that the more labor saving devices we invent the less labor we seem to have to operate them. From every field of activity we hear the same complaint—it's almost impossible to get help and the kind you can get is not much help anyway. At least for the present our capacity to consume seems to be outstripping our capacity to produce—enormous as it is. We hope this capacity to consume is more than a temporary phenomenon. We shall need it when the volume of civilian goods begins to fill up the holes created by war production.

The horse business, like all others, is short of labor. Many people have given up keeping pleasure horses, not because of lack of interest or funds, but because they just couldn't get a decent groom. The same considerations apply to farm horses. The reason why there is now such a demand for tractors and why farm horses are being almost given

such a demand for tractors and why farm horses are being almost given away is not that the tractor is so much better a source of power. On the contrary it is because it is hard to find men to work horses properly and it takes considerable time to teach them.

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On the other hand most any boy who can drive a car can learn to operate a tractor in a few hours. Consequently hundreds of thousands of farmers who know it is more economical to do a large part of their work with horses are being forced to do it all with tractors. When, as, and if farm labor becomes more plentiful the number of teams on farms—and there are very few of our 14 million farms that do not need one good team of horses—will unquestionably rise rapidly.

Perhaps the labor shortage that hits the horse business most acutely is the shortage of good horseshoers. Unless we can keep shoes on our farm horses, stock horses and pleasure horses they are not of much use to us—no foot, no horse. From all the horse districts we hear wails of no blacksmiths. A lot of the men who are shoeing horses have taken it up with little or no training—people have been willing to put up with them simply because they couldn't get anyone else. Very few young men are taking up the trade.

At one time the Remount Service and the Cavalry trained a good number of horseshoers, many of which

At one time the Remount Service and the Cavalry trained a good number of horseshoers, many of which returned to civilian life and used their Army training to great advantage. Many of the best of the older men now in the business got their start in uniform. However, since the Army has abandoned horses, there seems to be no prospect of getting

any more horseshoers from that source.

Fortunately something is being done about it. The Horse and Mule Association, under the leadership of Wayne Dinsmore, has for many years here wearing values wearing values. Wayne Dinsmore, has for many years been waging valiant warfare against the enemies of the horse, from tractors to encephalomyelitis. Moreover the Association is largely financed by the industries connected with horses, including the horse shoe mustry. It has therefore initiated a campaign to induce young men to become farriers, to provide the proper training and to see to it that they find profitable employment when that training has been complewhen that training has been comple-

ted.

About a year ago on January 3, 1946, Michigan State College started the first intensive training course for civilian horseshoers. The course lasted 12 weeks, seven men were enrolled and the Horse and Mule Association, provided \$1500 in scholarrolled and the Horse and Mule Association provided \$1500 in scholar-ships. John Mac Allan, Master Horse-shoer, provided the instruction. All the men had worked with horse-before, but none had had any actual experience in shoeing.

Mr. Mac Allen thinks that a man should have the following qualities to make a successful horseshoer: he should be really interested in learning the trade: he must be young and

to make a successful horseshoer; he should be really interested in learning the trade; he must be young and healthy; he must like horses; he must be mechanically inclined; and he must have horse sense in dealing with people as well as with horses. The first few days of the course were devoted to studying the anatomy of the horse's foot. Three hundred legs, cut off at the knee or hock and 80 head of horses on the college farm were used for this purpose. Next came practical lessons in trimming feet. Any trainer will tell you how important it is to keep the feet of foals and yearlings regularly trimmed if you want them to run straight later on. Older horses turned out to grass and broodmares need regular trimming as well. In the pleasure horse field this is an important part of a horsesheer's work. Preparing the foot for the shoe was the next and probably the most important order of business. Very few horses go perfectly straight or have feet exactly alike. Trimming them to correct these variations is the most important part of the farriers art.

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Once the men had mastered the once the men had mastered the fundamentals of trimming the foot, they took up fitting the shoe to the foot—not the foot to the shoe which is an all too common practice among the men who to-day call themselves horseshoers. They learned both to fit factory made shoes and to make their own out of bar steel. They were also shown how to make shoes for defective feet—such as bar shoes—

defective feet—such as par shoes—and how to treat for such ailments as stone bruises and corns. Finally they had some work in how to handle green and fractious horses. The last part of the course had to do with the blacksmith's end of the business such as acetylene welding, including coating shoes with rough borium which almost guarantees a horse from slipping on a tarred road in winter. in winter.

in winter.

The men worked hard, eight hours a day for the twelve weeks. Two stayed in Michigan, two went to Illinois, one each to Indiana, Virginia and Aiken, South Carolina. Seven horseshoers may seem like a drop in the bucket, considering the demand, but its a start and a good one at that. The course is being given again this year and ten men are now enrolled, all that one instructor can take care of properly. It seems proenrolled, all that one instructor can take care of properly. It seems probable that the success of the Michigan experiment will prompt other colleges to follow suit. For many years the College of Agriculture at Cornell has given a course in horse-shoeing for its regular students. It could easily give a short course as well.

well.

Horseshoeing really offers a good living these days. When a man had to depend on the number of horses that could walk to his forge there to depend on the number of horses that could walk to his forge there wasn't so much in it. But since forges have become portable the picture is quite different. Now a pick-up truck can carry all the equipment any horseshoer needs, including a welding outfit. A trailer, that can be towed behind an ordinary car, will also do a good job. With this type of outfit a horseshoer can cover profitably a radius of 30 to 40 miles and make from \$6,000 to \$10,000 a year, depending on how much work he wants to do. If he is good enough to shoe race horses he can make more—even without the awards for shoeing a winner.

One more appeal that horseshoeing has is that it makes a man his own boss. He doesn't have to punch a time clock or take orders from anyone. If a man had good health, likes to work out of doors and with animals, and has a mechanical bent he'll do much better for himself shoeing horses than working in a factory, financially and every offer way.

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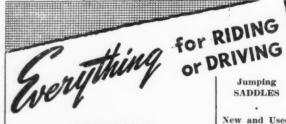
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# With Brandywine Hounds For A Day



#### Over Four-Hour Run With Horses Full Tilt Provides Exceptional Day For Good Field; Hounds Work Faultlessly Throughout

February 1st, 1947
Brandywine Hounds had such a good day on Saturday, February 1st, and I personally enjoyed it so much, that I propose to depart from the usual formalized style of recording this day's sport. Rather, and at the risk of being thought egocentric, I shall describe events as I experienced them and saw them from that best of all viewpoints, between the ears of my hunter.

I attended the annual meeting

I attended the annual meeting and dinner of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America at the Union Club in New York on Friday evening. There were one hundred and one present, mostly masters and former masters plus a few guests and it was a most successful and en'oyable occasion. I broke away at 11:15 and accompanied by Joe Ewing, M. F. H., Eagle Farms Hunt, who was going out with his own hounds on Saturday, and by Lyle Johnston, a guest at the dinner, caught the "Golden Arrow" to Paoli and arrived home about 2:30 A. M. How glad I now am that I did!

A. M. How glad I now am that I did!

A good well mounted Field showed up for the meet at 11:00 A. M. at the kennels. Mrs. Mather, our Field-Master, rode Boston Buck, I hunted hounds on Little John, and whipping-in were Frank Turner on Funnyface and my daughters. Jane Mather on Cimmeron and Ann Sullivan on Valley Creek. Among those I recall seeing in the Field were Kenneth Caswell, Otho E. Lane and his daughter, Barbara Wark, Gay Robinson, Lyle and Celie Johnston, Sylvia Walker and her daughter, Marlou, Jim Kann, Dick Mactivor, Bill Wylie, Betty Baldwin, Isobel Meade, and others mounted and in automobiles.

It was a clear sunny day. The temperature was 40 degrees with a light wind from the northwest. The ground was in perfect condition. I gave the signal to Jonas Lund, the kennel huntsman. He threw open the kennel door and 16 1-2 couples of hounds rushed eagerly out and romped about my horse. I decided to draw for the red fox we had found on Wednesday, Janu-

I decided to draw for the red fox we had found on Wednesday, January 22nd, so cast hounds up the Radley Run meadows and through the little thicket on the Prairie. Hounds feathered on the wheatfield the little thicket on the Prairie. Hounds feathered on the wheatfield to the south of the thicket and Grappler and Gallopin spoke un-

certainly.

There occurred a funny incident. When the two hounds spoke, my horse, Little John, who never takes his eyes off the hounds, gave a couple of playful bucks and before I could gather up my reins, started to run at full speed. This despite the fact that he had carried me for over seven hours on the preceding Wednesday. Jane's horse, Cimmeron. catching the same idea commenced to gallop beside me and the two of us were momentarily run away with. Glancing over my shoulder, I saw that the hounds had started to work heel way on the cold line. Jane was convulsed with laughter which communicated itself to me, and we were both quite helpless. I don't know what the Field thought was taking place.

place.

Getting things once more under control, I let hounds work the cold line on to Dennis' Woods on the Street Road. They had scarcely entered the woods when they opened with a crash which said in no uncertain terms that a fox was not far in front of them.

certain terms that a fox was not far in front of them.

I galloped through the small woods with the pack in full cry ahead, and as I reached the open field on the west side, I saw Ann. with cap in air, signaling a view away to the north. Galloping to her. I learned that the fox she had viewed. no doubt the vixen, had just slipped into an earth in the field beyond her.

The pack, however, was running hard on the line of another fox. doubtless the dogfox, and were racing on westward over Tony Waterer's pasture with only Jane on their heels. They bore north, up the swamp and into the Bonebin Woods. We were about to jump the panel into the Home Meadow, when the pack turned toward us, and racing up the Home Meadow, crossed Radley Run and into the Home Woods, making it ring with their cry as they passed right in front of the Field. halted momentarily in the rideway.

The nack ran well through the Home Woods, across the lane, through the Schoolhouse Pine Thicket and away eastward over the Home Pasture. Everyone got well away with hounds and many horses were in the air together over the good post and rail fence at the top of the pasture hill.

The pack bore to the northeast and recrossing Radley Run, fairly flew over the big field toward the top of Osborne Hill. Frank Turner was close behind them. The pack at this point drew right away from horses even though the latter were putting forward their best efforts. My wife, Gladys, passed me here, her brown hunter, Boston Buck, running with a stride far greater than that of my good little bay.

Across Birmingham Road at the

that of my good little bay.

Across Birmingham Road at the top of Osborne Hill, the pack ran without a check. Then, crossing John McCoy's place they bore north over Featherbed Lane. Mrs. McCoyout for a walk with her Scotties, was an interested spectator as the Field jumped the panel into the old orchard. chard.

Some woven wire fences in the Some woven wire fences in the vicinity of Featherbed Lane caused hounds some difficulty and furnished the nearest thing to a check had in the run. It was only a momentary pause but it did give horses a brea-

ther.
From here the Field had to make
a short detour around wire to the
New Street Road, but we quickly got
behind hounds again in the fields

behind hounds again in the fields south of Goat Glen Farm.
Hounds raced on north across the Lenape Road and over Fox Hill Farm and Vincent's, crossing a corner of Sidney Glass' place, skirted Mount Bradford and ran west over Frank McCardle's farm and on the pasture of the Windle-Hoffman place.

pasture of the Windle-Hollman place.

Through Vincent's and Glass's we had some nice jumps including some of the new post and rail fences used in hunter trials last autumn. Little John took off a bit too far back at one of these and hit it so hard that my right foot flew out of the stirrup. I regained the stirrup, however, in time to swing to the right for the next fence alongside of the Horseshow Ring. Johnston nearly came a cropper at one of these jumps, only the fact that a new top rail broke

the fact that n new top rail broke saved him from a hard one. Kenneth Caswell was going high, wide and handsome on his chestrut

Taking the stake and binder fence into McCardle's, we reached the thicket in time to see hounds cross-

ing the pasture and storming up the bank into Folchman's Woods.

I learned later that Dick MacIvor and Betty Baldwin both had hard falls at this point in the run.

I swung to the left around a mean looking ditch and bog, but Jame on Cimmeron jumped the whole business and took the lead over the panel out of the pasture by the iron gate and galloped up the road past Folchman's. As I followed her, I took a look back and could see the Field coming on over the fences strung out all the way to Mount Bradford.

Into the fields at the top of Fol-

Into the fields at the top of Fol-chman's Hill, and we were again on good terms with the pack now run-ning from Folchman's Woods to the long woods on the Little Farm, which skirts the left bank of the Eastern Brandywine above Shaw's Bridge.

The pack ran well through this Continued on Page Twenty-one

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# Masters of Beagles Dinner

Members Plan Memorial Shield For James W. Appleton To Be Hung At Institute, Aldie, Va.

by Beagler

The Masters of Beagles Dinner was held at the Racquet and Tennis "Club. 370 Park Avenue, New York City on Friday evening, January 31.

A total of 36 masters, whippers-in the standard of the Tennis and other pack officials attended the clinner. Sixteen packs were represented

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C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., Middleburg, Va., master of the Wolver Beagles and president of the National Beagle Club of America, presided. Mr. Iselin's Wolver Beagles were outstanding in the field last November at the 57th Annual Field Trials of the National Beagle Club held at Aldie, Va., winning top honors in the 2-couple 13-inch class, 4-couple class and 8-couple class.

Mr. Iselin introduced a most formidable group of speakers. The pace was set by Chetwood Smith, Boston, Mass., master of the Sir Sister Beagles who recalled some delightful stories of the early National Beagle Club field trials. Mr. Smith was followed by Allen Snowden, Toronto, Canada, master of the Don Valley Beagles, who as usual made everyone most envious in speaking of his fine hunting country with its of his fine hunting country with its abundant stock of big European

Next was Horatio Ford, Cleveland, Ohio, master of the Whitfield Beagles who included in his remarks that his own son Andrew Ford and Arthur S. Armstrong were taking over as Joint-Masters. Both the new Joint-Masters were present in addition to Gerard B. Townsend, Field Master. Thus the Cleveland delegation numbered 4, which is evidence of Horatio Ford's ever present enthusiasm for sports of beagling.

Following Mr. Ford came Josiah H. Child, Boston, Mass., master of the Waldingfield Beagles who reported for his committee on the pro-

the Waldingfield Beagles who reported for his committee on the proposed memorial to James W. Appleton who died August 26, 1942 in his 76th year. Mr. Appleton, for many years President of the National Beagle Club and Master of the Waldingfield Beagles, was one of the great names in the sport of hunting with beagles. Mr. Child displayed a shield on which was inscribed all the winners of the National Challenge Cup which has been competed for at the National Beagle Club field trials since 1905. This trophy is presented for the winning 2-couple pack (13-inch or 15-inch) which scores the best average field and show qualities, each to count 50 percent.

The plan offered by this Memorial Committee is to place shields with the winners of the various pack

the winners of the various pack classes in the dining room of the Main building at the Institute Farm. Aldie, Va., the scene of the annuar running of the field trials. The sample shield was acclaimed with enthusiasm. It was decided to raise the

money for the shields through subscriptions from members of the National Beagle Club, packs, and any individuals who may desire to contribute as friends of Mr. Appleton. Morgan Wing Jr., 120 East End Avenue, New York 28, N. Y. Secretary of the National Beagle Club stated that he would be pleased to solicit the necessary funds for the shields. shields

Bennett H. Perry, Henderson, N. C., master of the Tantivy Beagles. was one of our top storytellers. On the serious side he stated that he wished that someone would preserve the serious side he stated that he wished that someone would preserve the early history of hunting beagles in this country to include such recollections of the trials as set forth by Chetwood Smith. To this statement Mr. Wing replied by saying that he had decided to undertake such a project by writing a book which will include the history of the National Beagle Club, formed in 1890 and the history of all beagle packs in the United States and Canada. Mr. Wing stated that the success of such a book will depend to a great extent on the co-operation of all who are interested in the sport to send him all material which may be considered worthy of inclusion. (This will be the first of many requests by Mr. Wing through the columns of The Chronicle for articles, pictures, etc. for his book.)

Kimball Clement, Haverhill, Mass., master of the Restatett Reselve.

Kimball Clement, Haverhill, Mass., master of the Pentucket Beagles, when called upon to speak said, "I am the one purpose man" and imediately, much to the enjoyment of all proceeded to give a flawless recitation of his famous "Little Albert"

David B. Sharp, Jr., Newtown Square, Pa., master of the Treweryn Beagles and John K. Cowperthwaite, Far Hills. N. J., master of the Readington Foot Beagles, both expressed the hope that more packs will be represented at the 58th Annual Field Trials of the National Beagle Club at Aldie, Va., next November. Likewise, each expressed the hope that more news of the beagle packs be sent to The Chronicle so that all can read about the activities of the various packs. Prior to so that all can read about the activi-ties of the various packs. Prior to the war almost every issue of The Chronicle contained some article in the beagle column during the active hunting season.

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Other speakers included Thomas L. Grier, Sewell, N. J., master of the Bethel Lake Beagles and Franklin Reeve, Morristown, N. J. who is do-

Reeve, Morristown, N. J. who is doing a fine job hunting the Bailey's Mills Beagles of which his mother, Mrs. Anne Reeve is Master.

At noon the following day, 22. which included some wives, lunched with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. and then went to Glen Head, Long Island where the Buckram Beagles

#### Boxer Top Dog At Westminster Kennel Club Show

By F. Julia Shearer

Another Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, the seventy-first this time, has come and gone and, as usual, lived up to every expectation. It might be added that those always run high, no matter what other shows may come and go there is always a certain something about "The Garden" that none of the others can ever quite achieve. This one did not disappoint in any respect. Almost 2600 dogs in well over 2700 different entries were judged in the allotted time and the finals on the night of Thursday, February 13th began on the dot.

Best in Show went to the well-known Boxer, Ch Warlord of Mazelaine, making his third try for the honor. Put down in beautiful condition and handled to perfection by Nate Levine, Warlord put on a wonderful exhibition to finish up in first place. His chief rival seemed to be the lovely Boston, Ch Mighty Sweet Regardless and no mean opponent did she prove. Having to make the final choice between these two must have been rather more than difficult.

The other finalists were the Grey-

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than difficult.

The other finalists were the Greyhound Ch Magic of Mardomere, always one to be reckoned with but perhaps not as alert as usual, the Pointer. Ch Beacon's Game Lad, a most attractive Miniature Schnauzer, Dorem Display, rather a newcomer to Group wins in this part of the world and the fine Pomeranian,

of which Mr. Wing is Joint-Master, were holding a special meet for the

of which Mr. Wing is Joint-Master, were holding a special meet for the visitors.

The Buckram Beagles were the 1946 winners of the National Challenge Cup which was described earlier in this article. John C. Baker, Jr. Joint-Master with Mr. Wing, carried the horn and gave all a fine afternoon. After drawing the open fields in front of the Berquist farm for 40 minutes, a hare was viewed away near the main highway 25-A. A fast burst of 7 minutes ended with a check in a large wooded area from which the line was never recovered. Mr. Baker then proceeded to draw for another hare but the fields to the north failed to produce our quarry.

5 o'clock it was decided to call

At 5 o'clock it was decided to call it a day to join Mr. Bromley S. Stone at his lovely house in nearby Locust. Valley where all the visitors and Buckram followers enjoyed tea.

In addition to those already mentioned above, the following attended the Masters' dinner: Arthur J. Gill. Bethel Lake Beagles; John C. Baker, Jr. Robert C. Hattersley, John Eyre, E. Mortimer Ward, Jr., Bromley S. Stone, J. W. Glenn, Jr., Henry B. Thompson, Renwick Hurry, Buckram Beagles; Alfred E. Bissell and Paul Wilson, Stockford Beagles; A. William Battin, Richard H. Thompson, James Lamb, Jr., Thomas B. Fulweiller, Treweryn Beagles; William Turnbull, David C. Burton, David Fairchild, Readington Somerset Beagles; Clement C. Louis Starr, Vernon agles; Clement C. Beagles; Clem Kingsland Beagles.

Ch Little Timstopper.

In Variety Braces and Teams the competition was great and interest of the spectators seemed to run high. Braces were awarded to the fine pair of home-bred Manchester Terriers from the Conyon Crest Kennels, that had come all the way from the West Coast for the occasion and put on a wonderful exhibition, showing together in faultless style. When shown with two more of their kennel mates in the Teams their performance was even more remarkable, four dogs in charge of one handler and moving and turning as one is something that is seldom seen and that must have required many hours of painstaking

charge of one handler and moving and turning as one is something that is seldom seen and that must have required many hours of painstaking schooling, but they had to bow to four Shetland Sheepdogs, owned and shown by their eleven-year-old handler, Miss Natalie Reeves, that were awarded the prize for the best Team in the Show.

A novel feature of the show this year was a competition of obedience Teams, eight large dogs competing against eight small ones in the large ring, just before the final awards were made. It was a most interesting exhibition and, while it may be said to have been a trifle long drawn out it seemed to appeal to the public greatly and many people who stood very patiently through its whole length were noted leaving the building before Best in Show was even under way. Three most competent judges adjudicated the contest, the largest dogs finally coming out on top although there seemed to be prizes for every one. It is to be feared that one small Boston Terrier who turned out to be a rugged individualist caused his team to be on the losing end, he not only decided to do just about as he pleased but caused several of his team-mates to follow his example on several occasions. It was interesting that dogsfrom every Group classification except Hounds took part in this contest, we will hope that the omission was a pure coincidence, several members of the latter Group having done sterling work in obedience and won various of the available titles. Among the members of the Sporting Group taking part were a Golden Retriever and a Welmaraner, the former making many friends as his tail never stopped wagging through the whole performance.

As is always the case at Westminster, many of the foxhunting fraternity found time to drop in. It is

the whole performance.

As is always the case at Westminster, many of the foxhunting fraternity found time to drop in. It is always the scene of many reunions of hunting friends and this year was no exception. Many a good hunt has been re-run in the boxes of Madison Square Garden.

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# A Day Of Accounting For Orange County

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THE MEET on January 29 was at the Edward Altemus farm. It was a perfect day, bright, cool and still as Field, with Field Master S. Prentice Porter, M.F.H. (Cobbler Hunt) waited by covertside. The Robert B. Youngs, The Frederick H. Prince, Jr., Alvin Beard, Mr. Altemus, Mrs. Norman K. Toerge, Mrs. John Rollins, Dulaney Randolph, Miss M. M. Hubbard are pictured. Then hounds accounted for a grey.

#### Orange County Hunt Club

he Plains, Virgin Established 1903 Recognized 1903

There scarcely could be a more enjoyable day than Orange County Hunt had on Wednesday, January 29. Hounds met at Mr. and Mrs. Edward Altemus' new place (the old Whiting farm) at 11 A. M. It was spring-like, still and the temperature unseasonably high.

With Huntsman Leach Whitpper-

perature unseasonably high.

With Huntsman Leach, Whipperin Burgess, Field Master S. Prentice Porter, hounds moved off promptly and lost little time in getting the sport for the day underway. Actually, you have never heard so much music in your life. Hounds were in good cry for the ensuing 2 1-2 hours, with 3 greys and 3 reds a-foot, accounting for 1 grey and marking 2 of the reds. The other red was encountered when hounds were fairly flying and 2 1-2 couple got away on him for a short spell.

There were some heavenly views. It was a symphony of sport as hounds flew down those long grass reaches above and back of the Alvin V. Baird farm in the Rectortown country, adjacent to the Marshall-Delaplane pike with the fox leading the way, hounds under a blanket and the Field close up. Some 20 were out and everyone was there and accounted for at the end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Young (he joint-Master of Orange County Hunt with Fletcher Harper for the year 1947-48). Mrs. Norman K. Toerge, Alvin , V. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Prince, Jr., Edward Altemus, Mrs. John C. Rawlings, Mrs. Mary Nicoll, and Miss Mary Merrill Hubbard, were among those out.

Laurens M. Hamilton, recently appointed honorary-secretary was at the meet. He had just completed a roundtrip to Florida in the newly acquired "Byrnely Farm" van (which he has specially designed on a high-speed Ford chassis) demonstrating the ease in which household furnishings can be transplanted as well as horses in such a utility conveyance. He did the 1,100 miles from The Plains, Va., to Palm Beach in 3 easy days each way.





THE PACE quickened. Over lovely grass country hounds flew. They marked their first red as this department's "GIMPEY" (alias INURE, by ON WATCH -- PENNANT QUEEN by PENNANT) looks hounds and earth over.



HUNTSMAN LEACH, Field Master Porter and Mr. Young, Joint-M.F.H. for next season talk it over. A day is called. It was a lovely one. There were numerous views and gorgeous galloping down the gradual slopes of the grass country back of Rectortown, Va., over the Baird farm and Mike Wilson's new place.

# Stakes Racing Winners, Hialeah and Santa Anita

(Hialeah Pictures Courtesy Hialeah Photo Service)

STUART HAMBLEN'S EL LOBO, one of the first weanlings purchased by Mr. Hamblen, radio entertainer, from the Conejo Ranch in the latter part of 1941, the 2nd stakes winner by BOXTHORN, the 1st stakes winner to fly from track to track by air, won the San Carlos Handicap at Santa Anita Park, Calif. netting \$42,500 to the winner and \$4,425 to his breeder, Mrs. E. Janss, who operates the Conejo Ranch in Ventura, Calif. The first 4 horses, EL LOBO, HAK H., PERE TIME and SEE-TEE-SEE were all bred in the West. All the family and connections came forth to greet the winner in the winner's circle. Said Jockey William Bailey of EL LOBO, "It looks like we've got the winner of the Santa Anita. I had to hold him hard all the way". The Santa Anita will be run March first.







R. C. ELLSWORTH'S HUBBLE BUBBLE, a home-bred daughter of ARIGOTAL, by ARIEL, won the \$50,000 San Vicente Handicap, netting \$38,050, to the winner and \$3,805 to his breeder-owner. She was declared the winner following the disqualification of Louis B. Mayer's STEPFATHER, which Jockey Johnny Longden couldn't stop drifting out in the stretch, and which impeded HUBBLE BUBBLE. HUBBLE BUBBLE is out of SPRING FLOWER by HEPHAISTOS. She was trained by M. A. Tenney. King Start Stable's ON TRUST was 3rd with a 10-1b. concession from STEPFATHER and getting 4 lbs. from HUBBLE BUBBLE. Said Jockey Layton, HUBBLE BUBBLE's rider: "She was running gamely in the stretch was STEPFATHER veered over and Jockey Longden tried to straighten him out, started whipping left-handed, causing interference". She also won the Santa Susana on January 4th.





THAT FLORIDA SPEEDSTER BUZFUZ, owned by Sunshine Stable was romping again in the Seminole Handicap, run at Hialeah on February 19 when he scored by two and three-quarters lengths over stablemate LETS DANCE, the \*CHRYSLER II stakes winner, but re-sent from California by air. Jockey Jessop was the winning rider.

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# BREEDING



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# Thoroughbreds

#### Armed's Widener Places Him Enviably Close To Whirlaway's Record Of Monies Won; Flown To Santa Anita For Handicap

by Salvator

Armed came through last Saturday in the \$50,000 Widener Handicap at Hialeah, winning without real opposition and running the mile and a quarter in 2:01 3-5 under 129 lbs. to break the track record.

On Monday he was to be shot across the continent in an airplane to California, where tomorrow, Saturday, March 1, he is slated to start for the \$100,000-to-winner Santa Anita Handicap; this marking another novelty in our racing scheme, which is now so replete with them that it requires recordbreaking capacity upon the part of the innocent bystander to keep up with the times.

"On paper" he should win—but what is so often "figgered out" in that way falls to add up. The field is going to be a big one, there are a lot of light-weights that will burn up the track through the early race, and stranger things have happened than his possible defeat.

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If he wins, he will be tramping closely upon the heels of his former stable-companion, Whirlaway, for the money winning record. "Whirly's" credit is \$561,161. That of Armed, adding his \$43,900 won last Saturday, is now \$459,775.

There was another \$50,000 race at Santa Aniia last Saturday—and, as usual, it went to another long-shot; this time Monsoon, whose odds were 30 to 1. Another "rank outsider". Double F. F., whose odds were 24 to 1, came second. "Scrambled eggs" best describes the large field that followed the pair home. Their performances indicated that claiming races, rather than \$50,000 stakes would be a more appropriate field of endeavor. They would seem much better fitted for the uses of the "halter men" than

cluttering up the track in feeble efforts to persuade the world that they belong in racing's high society. The whole season at Santa Anita, which is now near its close, has been a striking demonstration that immense sums of money will produce neither great horses nor great racing.

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Instead we have been treated to a spectacle reminiscent of the comedy dramas in which the soap-makers and garbage-collectors and their wives and daughters crowd the Vere and the Montmorencys off de Veres and the Montmorencys off stage and appropriate the spot-light.

stage and appropriate the spot-light. In other words, racing—"big-time" racing—has ceased to be an exposition of class to become one of the declasse. And thus "the wheel has come full circle."

Armed may, if he triumphs tomorrow, throw a transient gleam of real splendor over a sorry scene. While, on the other hand, should he go down to defeat, the sardonic laughter of the gods will re-echo over the scene in which corned beef and cabbage have been served up on solid have been served up on solid

Grainger Williams of Nashville, that active propagandist for the return of racing to Tennessee and the revival of her bygone glories when she led the U. S. A. as the breeding and racing ground of the Thoroughbred, has placed us in his debt by getting out a fac-simile reissue of that delightful volume, Making the American Thoroughbred, by Douglas Anderson.

Originally published in 1916 in a small edition, it went out of print shortly afterward and has never since been obtainable except from dealers in rare turfiana.

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As it is an indispensable item to
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# California Letter

#### Impressions From Chronicle Staff Member Prior To Mayer Sale and After Attending Fabulous Santa Anita Race Track

L. B. Mayer Worries

As this item is being read in The Chronicle, the results of the L. B. Mayer Dispersal Sale of racing stock will have been heralded throughout the world. Mr. Mayer has been a nervous man of late as the interest mounted in his sale and then his fillies. Busher, Be Faithful and Honeymoon, either did not respond to training or failed to pick off coveted stakes they were favored in. Mr. Mayer could not but have been a disappointed man when his good entry, Honeymoon and Be Faithful, conceding 8 lbs. to the \*Mahmoud filly, Monsoon, ran nowhere in the Santa Margarita Handicap of \$50,000 added. He had himself talked to Jockey Eddie Arcaro who rode Be Faithful and Jockey Johnny Longden who rode Honeymoon. That night he plied himself with his usual strong stimulant, coca cola, and played Oklahoma and bridge. The MGM directors and Mr. Mayer's physician will all be pleased as the Mayer racing interests are curtailed.

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Cushion At Santa Anita
Parachute seat cushions were purchased by the thousands from the Government and are utilized to make Santa Anita Park patrons more comfortable in the steel chair box seats.

Kane On Monsoon

The Irishman, Robert Kane, who makes motion pictures in England, backed Cornelius V. Whitney's Monsoon right appropriately in the Santa Margarita Handicap of \$50,000 added at Santa Anita on February 22. This \*Mahmoud mare which had only once before won a stakes race, got 8 lbs. from Louis B. Mayer's Be Faithful and Honeymoon and it was another lightly weighted one, Double F. F., owned by H. N. Isenberg which was 2nd in front of Be Faithful at the finish. Coming back to the stewards, Mr.

Isenberg's Going With Me ducked her head and did a quick 180 degrees and found her rider, Joekey Basil James, not going with her but on the ground.

Paddock Judge Harris

Out at Santa Anita Park, W. A.
Harris is the paddock judge. He hascome to this responsibility through the normal "stepping stone" line of good horseman. Bill Harris may be recalled as the trainer of the late Benjamin Leslie Behr's Maryland Hunt Cup winners, Brose Hover and Burgoright. He was also associated with Mill River Stable when the late William B. Streett was in charge. Ex-Trainer Harris prefers the quiet of the paddock at Santa Anita in preference to the high pressure life of the man in charge of runners for owners in a public stable. stable.

Press Box Mutuel
One of the worst problems at any race track is that of providing the turf writers with facilities to bet on horses of their selection. Some tracks provide messengers to run wagers to the mutuer windows. Not so at Santa Anita, where mutuer manager, Mort Shaw has special windows for the turf writers in their press box. There everything is laid on, libraries for reference, a lunch counter and even a bar. Space limitations are such that during the big Saturdays it is a bit jammed.

Galla Damion
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A glorious, big striding horse is
C. J. Sebastian's Galla Damion. This
son of Sir Damion now a 4-year-old,
has come to himself this year again
after a long lay-off as results of a
hock injury. He equalled a world's
record in doing the 7-furlong George
Washington Handicap in 1.22 and
established a new one for Santa
Anita. He looks like an Irish hunter sire, Agar", remarked Aidan
Roark, "and he was a magnificent
type".

#### TEN LEADING AMERICAN STAKES WINNERS (Through February 22)

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ARIGOTAL	2 \$74,550	Calumet Farm 2	Calumet Farm 2	W. O. Hicks 2
BULL LEA	2 68,200	R. C. Ellsworth 2	Circle M. Farm 2	H. A. Jones 2
*SHIFTING SANDS II 1 (Texas Sandman)	45,150	W. M. Jeffords 2	R. C. Ellsworth 2	J. McGee 2
BOXTHORN	42,450	Mrs. John Hertz 2	L. Gerngross 2	J. B. Rosen 2
*CHRYSLER II I	40,900	Elmendorf Farm 2	Shamrock Stables 2	M. A. Tenney 2
*MAHMOUD	38,000	F. B. Koontz & 1 P. Simmons	Sunshine Stables 2	B. B. Williams 2
*BLENHEIM II	37,950	Mrs. E. Janss 1	W. D. Rorex 1	E. H. Sorrell 1
*ALIBHAI	36,800	C. V. Whitney 1	S. Hamblen 1	S. Hamblen 1
HOLLYROOD	33,250	L. B. Mayer 1	C. V. Whitney 1	L. R. Ruff 1
ROMAN (The Shaker, Cosmic Missile, Imperator)	3 26,625	C. T. Clifford 1	Mrs. J. Hertz 1	T. Grimes 1

# **Breeders' Notes**

Armed's Tail

Everett A. Clay of Hialeah Race 'Course recently wrote: "Not only is Whirlaway's money-winning championship in jeopardy, but the Calumet horse may also lose his honors as racing's "Mr. Longtail" this winter to his stablemate Armed. The length of Armed's bushy train has kept pace with his growing bank account the past 19 months and his tail now almost drags to the ground. Trainer H. A. (Jimmy) Jones, son of the famed "Plain Ben", attributes Armed's naturally long tail (which like that of Whirlaway was never cut), to the excellent care the champion receives from his groom Steve Gennis. A comb is never used on Armed's tail. "Combing and hrushing pull out a horse's tail. Most grooms won't take the time and trouble to pick the hay and straw from a tail", explained Trainer Jimmy Jones. Armed can pass Whirlaway's money winning mark by winning the Santa Anita Handicap. Whirlaway won \$561,161 with 32 1sts, 15 2nds and 9 3rds in 60 starts. As of Feb. 24, Armed's total earnings were \$459, 775, the result of 28 1sts, 9 2nds and 2 3rds in 44 starts. He thus stands 3rd on the all-time list of money winning gelding of all time.

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J. A. Estes, editor of The Blood Horse, editorialized in a recent issue of the American Thoroughbred Breeders Assn. official publication. on the controversy over the German horses between the Remount and The Jockey Club. Wrote Mr. Estes: "Each party is being apprised of certain important facts through the press, rather than in conference. The Remount suggests the appointment of a committee of two, as nearly unbiased as possible, to bring together all the pertinent data available, study the problem at length, and recommend a procedure. If The Jockey Club accepts this suggestion, each party can perhaps read the magazines with normal blood pressure..... One can understand the hesitancy of The Jockey Club in accepting horses of whose identity it professes uncertainty. One can also understand the frustration of the Army in having its applications refused and the whole Ger-

man Stud Book declared inacceptable, after it has spent large amounts of money and time in documenting the identity of the horses. The Army, presumably, saw in the possible sale of these horses, and others still in Germany, an opportunity for genuine reparations, on a basis with full legal approval. Adamant authority and frustration of powerful forces generally mean trouble. In this case it seems likely that there will be either settlement in conference or a continuation of powerful pressure."

\*Easton Most Popular
In the nominations for the New
Jersey Futurity to be run at Monmouth Park, Long Branch, N. J.,
next summer, F. Wallis Armstrong's
Meadowview Farm sire \*Easton was
the most popular stallion represented in the nominating list. Case Ace,
owned by Joseph M. Roebling, which
stands at Harmony Hollow Stud.
also in New Jersey, was 2nd with
sons and daughters named to 11
for \*Easton.

Hayhurst at Charles Town
Former rider and now Trainer
William Hayhurst, who for many
years handled the late Mrs. Reginald
Sinclaire's 'chasers (which included
the versatile polo-pony, foxhunter and
hurdle winner Noction), has 3 horses
of his own wintering for the moment
at Charles Town, W. Va. Trainer Hayhurst, following Mr. Sinclaire's decision to retire from the racing game,
is now operating a public stable. He
anticipates getting a few young horses with 'chasing prospects and may
be seen in Middleburg, Va., this
spring developing same.

Over \$20,000
In 1946 at the Thoroughbred yearling sales there were no less than 59 yearlings sold for \$20,000 or more and 23 brought from \$50,000 to \$65,000.

Speculation

The colt which brought \$65,000 the 4th highest yearling price of all time in America, a chestnut colt by \*Mahmoud—Galla Belle, by \*Sir Gallahad III, bred and sold by Dr. Eslie Asbury, Cincinnati, Ohio and Lexington, Ky., has been named Speculation. There is considerable speculation naturally about Norman W. Church's Speculation, not only

in California where the 2-year-old is now, but among Thoroughbred horsemen. New Broom, \$75,000; Hustle On, \$70,000; and Pericles, \$66,000 were all failures as race horses and the former 2 as sires. Pericles finally won 1 race as a 4-year-old in 1945 and is now retired to stud where he yet may prove worth his purchase price.

High Priced Fillies

The 1946 high priced fillies of the Thoroughbred yearling sales have all been named, with the exception of J. S. Phipps' La Chica filly, by \*Blenheim II. This filly, currently wintering in Billy Post's Aiken, S. C., training barn, will be trained by J. P. "Sammy" Smith when she goes to the races this year, this being the agreement when he assisted Mr. Phipps in selecting her. Mrs. Elizabeth Graham Lewis, who also paid \$54,000 for another Combs filly, has named her grey War Admiral—Denise M., Silver Queen. Jay Paley has named his Whirlaway—Dark Loveliness filly Mulatto. She cost the radio-man \$50,000 Mrs. Lewis, who paid \$50,000 for the Coldstream—Spotted Beauty, by Man o'War colt, has named him Royal Blood.

Saratoga Sales

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The Fasig-Tipton Sales Co. has already announced the dates for the 1947 Saratoga Yearling Sales, August 12-15. There will also be 2 other nights, either preceding or succeeding this week. George Swinebroad will be auctioneering.

N. Y. T. W. A. Awards
Frank Ortell has anounced that
Dr. Charles H. Strub, Robert J.
Kleberg, Max Hirsch and Basil
James have been voted outstanding
in their respective fields during
1946 racing in a poll just completed
by the New York Turf Writers'
Assn. of which he is president. Pla-

ques will be presented these men so honored at the annual dinner at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. next August. Dr. Strub, executive head of Santa Anita Park, Calif., one of the show places of the American Turf, was chosen the man who did most for sport. Mr. Kleberg, master of King Ranch, Texas, whose Assault was the horse of the year, was named leading breeder. Mr. Hirsch, trainer Continued on Page Thirteen



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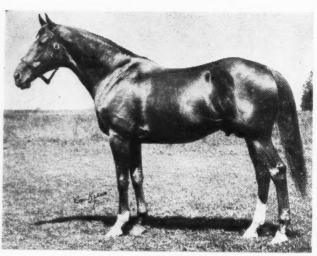
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#### **PASTEURIZED SEASON 1947**



	Milkman		Broomstick
PASTEURIZED		Milkmaid	Eugenia Burch [*Peep o' Day   Nell Olin
Ch., 1935	Peake	(*Sir Gallahad III	*Teddy
		Polka Dot	Plucky Liege
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ce back to mare by Byerly Turk (No. 3 family).

Winner BELMONT, EAST VIEW STAKES, etc.

PASTEURIZED is beautifully bred. His ancestors both sires and dams are the t that can be found in the stud books of America, England and France. He had reme speed over any distance up to 1½ miles.

PEAKE is also the dam of the winners CIRCUS, DELMARVA, TOP MILK and the producer LADYINTHEMOON dam of the Stakes Winners NEW MOON, QUARTER MOON and winner MAIDOFTHEMOON.

DON and winner MAIDOFTHEMOON.

POLKA DOT won The Coaching Club American Oaks (1% miles), third in Alama Stakes, etc. She also produced Lady Polka winner of the Cavalry Memorial p Steeplechase, carrying 162 pounds. Eurus winner over brush, etc. and Old South, m of the winners Osofree and Dr. South. Polka Dot is also sister to six winners, etc. of them Stakes Winners.

NETWORK produced three Stakes Winners and 18 other winners.

Although he has had but a few small crops to race, they are doing exceedingly the Most of them are winners, having won at all distances from 4½ furlongs to miles. They have good dispositions.

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Prior to 1946 RED CHIP covered only two mares, and has sire the winners REDDY and REDGIE. REDDY is also a winner th year in California.

RIP RAP, racing in an era (1926-1930) when purse monies were considerably smaller than they are today, won \$31,419 in 13 wins, including the Walden Handicap, beating such as Black Panther and Sweepster. Perhaps his greatest racing effort was in the A. B. Spreckles Handicap when he was beaten a nose by ALEXANDER PANTAGES, in a new track record time of 1:42 4/5 for 1 mi. and 70 yards.

RAMBLING also produced the winners Red Checker (Alexander antages) and Blue Chip (Crusader).

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# Breeders' Notes Continued from Page Twelve

for King Ranch who developed Assault, was voted the leading trainer. Basil James, "because of his clean and efficient saddle work" was elected the leading jockey. Jockey James also could be given the award "for the greatest comeback". He entered the Armed Forces in August 1942 and was not discharged until February 27, 1946. This native of Colorado, who started riding in 1935, was a standout jockey of 1946, as the records will attest. He led the list in 1936 with 245 winners and considers the best horses he has ever ridden to be Market Wise and Stymie. It is "hard to separate them".

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Almahurst Stallions

Henry H. Knight, master of Almahurst farm, has Grand Slam, (\$1,000 and return), Easy Mon, (\$1,000 and return), Gallahadion, (\$500, live foal) and Ladysman, (\$500, live foal) and Ladysman, (\$500, live foal), standing at his Nicholasville, Ky. establishment. He had advised that 5 services are still available for the Chance Play sire, Grand Slam, which has sired the stakes winners Seven Hearts, Devil's Thumb, Ogma, Billy Bumps and Bill Hardey. Easy Mon, like his sire, \*Pharamond II, standing at Hal price Headley's, stands for \$1,000 and return and his book is full. Gallahadion, given scant opportunities in his first year at stud had but 4 foals. Three started at 2 and all won. His 1946 foals were all winners. Ladysman is of course the sire of the stakes winners Swain, Best Effort, Incoming, Rockwood Lou and Heartman and he himself raced to win the Arlington Futurity, the Hopeful Stakes and others and some \$134,310.

\*\*Taj Akbar\*

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One of those highly controversial
German horses brought to this country last October a year ago by the
Remount, \*Taj Akbar, will stand in
Texas. The Reynolds Brothers, who
already have the High Time sire
Proph and have the \*Bull Dog sire
Bulls Eye, obtained \*Taj Akbar
through the Remount recently. He

arrived on the day that Harvey Shaffer of Millwood, Va., stopped off to see his friends the Reynolds, enroute to Virginia from the West Coast. He related that \*Taj Akbar arrived in wonderful shape and that the Reynolds brothers were delighted to have him as they had always cherished the type and conformation of the great horse; had even had a picture of him in his Derby effort many years ago hanging in their home. \*Taj Akbar, brown son of Fairway—Taj Shirin, by Gainsborough, bred in Ireland by the Aga Khan was 2nd to \*Mahmoud in the English Derby. In this race he was selected as a mount by Gordon Richards in preference to \*Mahmoud. He won the Chester Cup and other good races in his time and was a great horse at 1 1-2 miles. \*Taj Akbar was one of a group of 11 which the Remount obtained, which had been evacuated to Donauworth to escape the Russians, having originally come from the Hungarian Stud at Kisber.

North Wales Arrivals

North Wales Stud's Fibber, by Mate, foaled a filly by Ramillies on January 24, at the well known Thoroughbred nursery near Warrenton, Va. Another filly was added to the list of North Wales foals of 1947 with the arrival on January 27 of R. V. Watson's Swashbuckler mare, Rene's Polly, by Discovery. An arrival eagerly awaited is the foal of the recently imported \*Cosquillo (by Papyrus), dam of \*Princequillo now standing at Claiborne Stud, Paris, Ky. \*Cosquillo, winner of 7 races in France, including Prix de Chantilly, was bred to \*Donatello II, one of Italy's great sires.—Mr. and Mrs. George Watts Hill, of Quail Roost Farm, Durham, N. C., recentlys hipped the gallant show mare Inky, to North Wales Stud, where she will foal and be bred this season.

Many Lands
Mereworth Farm bred the Detroit
Stable Many Lands. By Discovery—
Gifted Lady, by Bright Knight, this
S-year-old chestnut gelding copped
a Fair Grounds featured allowance
race recently.



# NORTH WALES STUD

Warrenton, Virginia

#### First Fiddle

Gr. 1939 by \*Royal Minstrel—Rueful, by \*St. Germans. \$1,000—No Return. BOOK FULL.

#### Pilate

Ch. 1928 by Friar Rock—\*Herodias, by The Tetrarch. \$1,000—No Return. BOOK FULL (Fee payable at time of service).

### By Jimminy

Br. 1941 by \*Pharamond II—Buginarug, by Blue Larkspur. \$1,000—Return. BOOK FULL.

#### Eurasian

Br. 1940 by \*Quatre Bras II—Tehani, by \*Carlaris. \$500—Return.

## Imp. Chrysler II

Br. 1931 by \*Teddy—Quick Change, by Hurry On. \$350—Return.

# Head Play

Ch. 1930 by My Play—Red Head, by King Gorin. \$350—Return.

#### Ramillies

B. 1939 by \*Blenheim II—Risky, by Diadumenos. \$350—Return.

#### Selalbeda

B., 1938 by Mokatam—Acacia, by \*Archaic. \$250—Return (Property Paragon Stables).

# **Balmy Spring**

Br. 1936 by Black Toney—Blossom Time. \$200—Live Foal (Property Cold Spring Farm).

#### Anibras

1939 by \*Quatre Bras II—Tehani, by \*Carlaris. \$100—Return (Property Paragon Stables).

## Kaytee

B. 1941 by Blue Larkspur—Occult, by \*Dis Donc. Free to approved mares.

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# STAR BEACON

Bay, 1939

His Sire: \*BLENHEIM II, brilliant stakes winner and great sire.

His Dam: FAIR STAR by \*WRACK, was stakes winner of the Pimlico Futurity and Selima Stakes, also dam of stakes winner Staretor and other good winners, and dam of producers of stakes winners. STAR BEACON'S second dam, Etoile Filante, dam of the stakes winners High Quest and Evening Tide, the good producer Evening Shadow, and others.

#### A Racer of Class-

Although not a stakes winner, STAR BEACON defeated the stakes winners \*Don Bingo, Bright Gallant, etc., placed in numerous stakes and in these outran many horses of high rank. He defeated Ramillies at 1 1/16 miles in 1:43 1/5.

#### FEE: \$250 for a Live Foal

Fee payable at time of service, money refunded if mare fails to produce a Live Foal.

STAR BEACON'S foals have been greatly admired. He is a proven foalgetter. 80% of the mares bred to him in 1946 are reported in foal.

# **Skillful Shoeing** Vital Adjunct In **Winning Races**

Good Smith Takes Each Horse As An Individual And Treats Their Feet With Doctor's Care

(By Thoroughbred Racing Assns.)

(By Thoroughbred Racing Assns.)
"The smith, a mighty man is he",
but on the race track his might is
not so much brawn as ingenuity. To
shoe, or plate, a Thoroughbred, it
takes more knack than muscle but
muscle helps.
Hal Price Headley's good fouryear-old Pellicle seemed to be standing nicely while Gilbert "Gib" Stellings trimmed his hooves and reset
his plates but it was noted that
Stellings quietly but repeatedly reproached the horse for being a
tough one.

proached the horse for being a tough one.

"He's trying you all the time," he said, "That kind sort of wears you down."

The groom at Pellicle's head laughed. "Ole Pop here was a terror as a two-year-old; couldn't do nothin' with him, had to put a twitch on him. He's just a big ole' tough horse now."

It's very rarely that any hobble

on him. He's just a big ole' tough horse now."

It's very rarely that any hobble or other restraining measure is needed in plating a Thoroughbred, Stellings said later, and 2-year-olds are no more difficult to work on than an older horse. "By the time they're first shod, soon after they've been broken as yearlings, they've been handled and had their feet trimmed enough to know how to behave themselves."

The plating of Thoroughbreds is a delicate and highly specialized art. Proper shoes can correct foot injuries and faults which might otherwise make a horse useless as a racer. Assault, King Ranch's Triple Crown winner, wears a special plate to correct a hoof injured as a

yearling. Devil Diver and Four Free-

yearling. Devil Diver and Four Freedoms, a couple of Greentree horses that will be remembered, also wore corrective plates.

While thin-walled, shelly and brittle feet may offer problems to the plater, the actual application of the shoes is only part of the job. The forging of the plates, plain or with bars, caulks or stickers and the making and welding on of special toes is an art in itself. Racing plates come in rights and lefts and differ front and back. Aluminum plates come ready made but about the only actual difference between the aluminum and the steel plate is in the thickness; each weighs about three ounces.

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Back in his shop between barns at Belmont Park, Stellings, who has been the Greentree Stable plater for 12 years now, displayed a formidable array of tools. Bruce Kendall, another of the thirty-odd platers at Belmont, who had dropped in to pass the time of day, pointed out "We have to make all these ourselves." He pointed out various sized swedges, or dies, which are attached to the anvil and in which the straight piece of steel is grooved and beveled and tapered into a graceful plate. "A machine shop can't turn these out satisfactorily; they all have to be hand made."

"So do these," Stellings unwrap-

can't turn these out satisfactorily; they all have to be hand made."

"So do these," Stellings unwrapped clinching tongs, hoof nippers and hoof knife and pointed out a nail punch. "The stuff they sell for ordinary work is too heavy; you can't use them on Thoroughbreds."

"People think we're Jesse James with a hammer instead of a gun." Kendall said, "but they never stop to think about all this tool-making as part of the job."

While a track the size of Belmon'. Arlington or Delaware can keep thirty platers busy there are only 160 men in the union and only a dozen or so apprentices learning the art. "A lad learning isn't much use to you for a year or so." Stellings pointed out, "but he's got to be paid and the way things are today they're hard to get. Then too, a trainer won't let an apprentice touch his horses and there aren't enough pon-

#### Maryland Jockey Club Buys Laurel; Operation Dates Back To 1911

Representatives of Pimilco and Laurel race tracks met at Palm Beach, Fla. with the resulting sale of Laurel to the Maryland Jockey Club on Feb. 20, James Butler, principal stockholder in Laurel and son of the founder of that track, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, majority stockholder in Pimilco and Harry A. Parr III, president of the Maryland Jockey Club made the negotiations. The Butler interests will retain control of the Empire City track.

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Laurel was first operated in 1911 and is considered one of the most modern tracks in Maryland. With

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The platers are not averse to taking in new men but argue that every man who can shoe a horse can't plate a Thoroughbred. To join the union a man must pass tests because, they feel, being a union member is akin to having a license and if a man's work is bad it's a reflection on the union for admitting him. There is no truer axiom on the turf than "no foot, no horse", and a trainer is not trusting the feet of his expensive charges to any but specialists.

Pimlico's present lease expiring in 1949 and building of a new plant still in its early stages, many look on Laurel's purchase as a good in-vestment. Should the present plans for Pimlico not be consummated, it is thought that the "Old Hilltop" course would be moved to Learne is thought that the "Old Hilltop" course would be moved to Laurel. There is no official comment on this and at present it appears that the fall meeting scheduled at Laurer will go ahead.

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Santa Anita Disappointments
Disappointments in training for the Santa Anita Handicap and \$100,000 purse to be run on Saturday, March 1, are Lord Boswell, Galla Damion, Quick Reward, and those top British colts which were recently flown from England to California: \*Fast and Fair and \*Radiotherapy. Neither of the air-shippers look to come up to par for the big race.

Insco's Name

John B. Clark, writing in "Memos" in the Thoroughbred Record, recently recalled how Insco got his name. The cable address of the International Shoe Company, headed by Insco's former owner, Griffin Watkins is: INSCO. Andrew W. Johnson and the late Bradford Shinkle and son Andrew Shinkle, who operated the well known horse show and hunt meeting stable "Trails End" in St. Louis, Mo. are also associated with International Shoe Co.

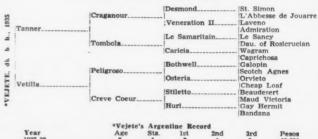
#### **\*VEJETE** Argentine Stakes Winner With New Bloodlines For Eastern Breeders

\*Vejete introduces to American blood-lines names in pedigrees which are a natural out-cross to pedigrees in the United States. He descends in tail-male from St Simon, the most prominent tail-male line in South America for years.

Craganour was a leading sire in Argentine and his son Tanner, a stakes winner in two seasons, achieved prominence in the stud as the sire of many stakes winners, including the crack race horse and leading sire Parlanchin.

\*Vejete was bred to seven mares last season—all seven are in foal.

#### New Names - Top Names



Fee \$500—Live Foal NOW BOOKING FOR 1947 SEASON

#### HEATHER BROOM Stakes Winning Son of The Porter From Famous Frizette Family

Heather Broom won the Blue Grass Stakes (defeating Third Degree, Hash, etc.), Saranac Handicap (at top weight), Equipoise Handicap (by five lengths, 1½ miles in 1:50), third in Kentucky Derby (to Johnstown and Challedon), Empire City, and Albany Handicaps.

At two he won several races in very fast time, including five furlongs in 1:00 2/5, 51½ furlongs in 1:06.

#### Old Names — Proved Names



Heather Broom is a son of the leading sire The Porter and is out of a grand-daughter of the great producer of top-class stakes winners and leading sires, Frizette. His pedigree combines the highest-class names in the American Stud Book—Ben Brush, Domino, Sir Martin, Hanover, Frizette.

Heather Broom is the sire of the stakes winner Paper Mill (Newport Stakes and 3rd in Miles Standish Stakes), Hearth Broom (equaled track record in first start, 4½ furlongs in :54), Scotch Dot, Cadency, Heather Girl, Mr. Zip, Dark Heather, Senator C. Lady Leaons, Copper Boy.

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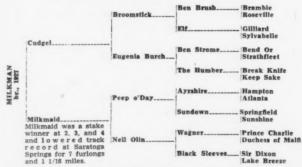
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MILKMAN has sired a very high percentage of winners from starters with eight two-year-old winners in 1944, from a total of ten starters. He had four two-year-old winners in 1945 from a total of six starters. Out of 8 starters in 1946 he had three 2-year-old winners: Milk Pact, Skimmer, and Tacaro Milkman. Homogenized has placed several times.

Seven of his yearlings offered by Rolling Plains Farm at the Saratoga sales in 1946 averaged \$10,614.00.

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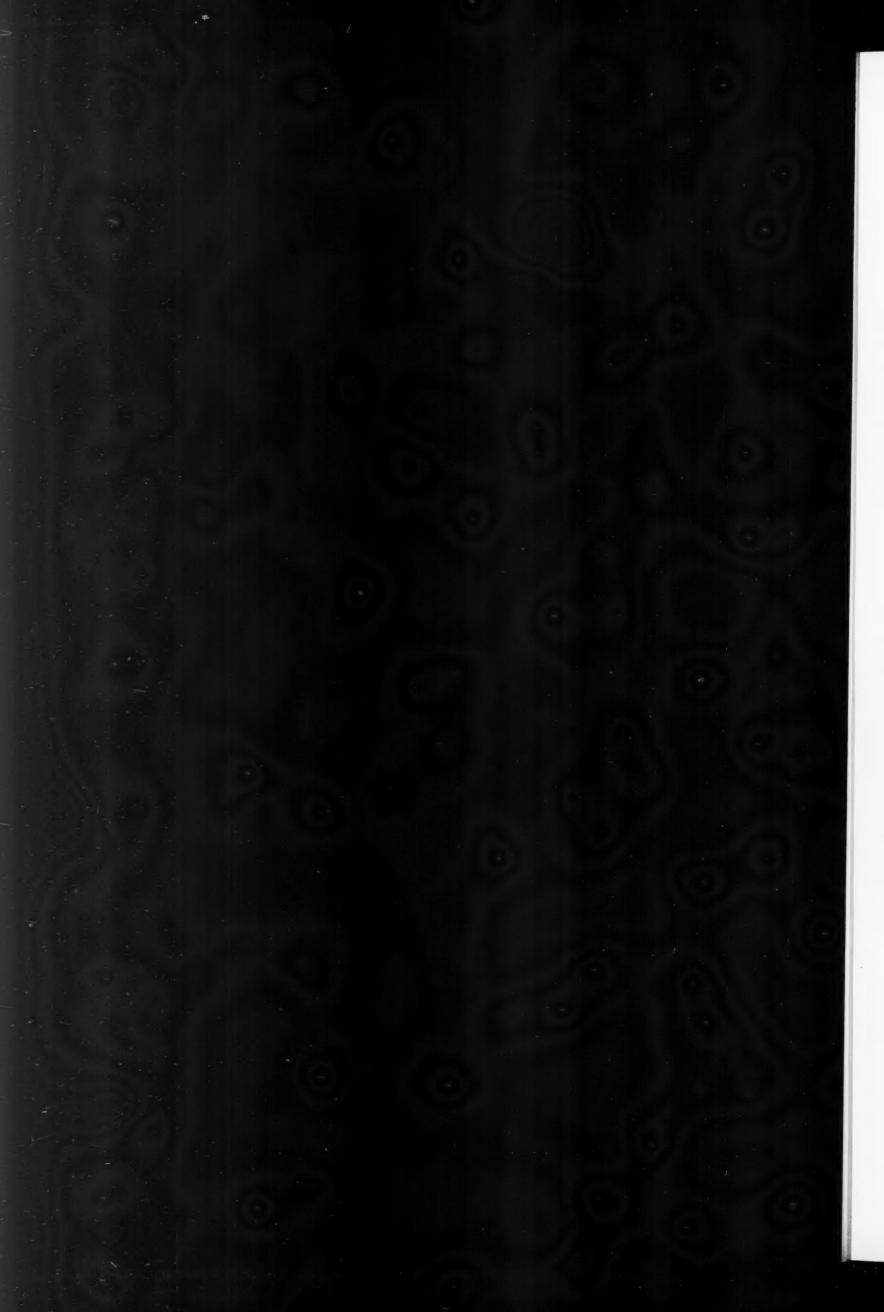
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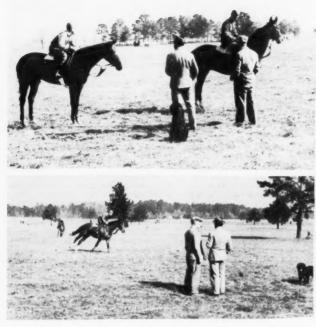
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# A Morning In Camden

(Chronicle Photos)



TRAINER JAMES E. RYAN and assistant George Byrnes give instructions on Springdale Course. Then they did their turns of "figure-eights".



RALPH WALDO CHASE and Harry D. Kirkover, center, talk of the chasing season to come. All indications point to fit horses.



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CARROLL BASSETT, cap, Mrs. Marion duPont Scott,
turnout for early morning schooling in many a year.

Granger Gaither and Lowry Watkins were there.



TREASURY, the grey, with Jockey Magee up, schooled well. And then George Byrnes stood one up right. So goes a morning in Camden.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS WALLER, he with a big string in training in Camden, rode out for thanks school.

Radnor Hunt

White Horse (P. O. Malvern, Pa.)
Established 1883
Recognized 1894
Joint-Masters: (1944) Mrs. S. Weston Scott.
(1944) Walter Stokes.

s: American. ng: Fox. : Scarlet, grey collar.

Hunting: Fox.
Colors: Scarlet, grey collar.

Saturday, January 18, 1947.
dawned a mild and pleasant day
with hunting conditions more in
keeping with late March than the
usual January ice and cement-like
ground. It was a very large number
of horses and people that gathered
in the Delchester barnyard at eleven
o'clock (someone obligingly counted eighty riders and then gave up)
and it looked like a veritable cavalcade that followed the Master out to
the top of the hill by the schooling
ring to await developments as,
Huntsman Bill Evans took the 19
couple of foxhounds to draw the
Golden's Meadow woods below. In
short order a fox was up and away
with hounds screaming toward the
Delchester big hill, through the
middle wood and across Delchester
Road into the Van Alen woods
(Pratt's) and onto Brooks Parker's
where he was marked under in a
drain. Only ten minutes, but packed with excitement as the large field
pushed and thrust as only the Radnor Field can do and motor cars on
the road did their best to block not
only hounds but horses also. After
this opening gun, our huntsman
took hounds off to draw Fairy Hill
which proved blank as were many
succeeding draws and it was not
until we reached Shimer's that
hounds spoke again. Here they bore
sharp right and were off in the direction of the West Chester Pike hounds spoke again. Here they bore sharp right and were off in the direction of the West Chester Pike and soon were across into Castle Rock, where Reynard promptly went to earth in a rockpile. All this was accompanied by the confusion usual to crossing the "Pike", to which was added the excitement of an irate individual who, emerging with a gun from one of the many bungalows with which Castle Rock now seems to abound, threatened to "shoot every one of those de-dogs" now seems to abound, threatened to "shoot every one of those d-- dogs" if they ever came near his property again. Crossing back again into the Radnor country the huntsman then took his pack through Shimer's and

#### Carrollton Hounds

Landowners in great numbers gathered at the Carrollton Hounds Kennels for the Annual Farmers' Day about the last of September, and the 1946-1947 season was well started.

An unusually good month of only

An unusually good month of cub-bing included 3 mornings each week —weather and scent generally good,

onto the Stengel's and thence to Crum Creek Farm. By this time it was nearly two clock and there were relatively few of the original Field left, many having gone in search of food and refreshment. Drawing that rather small covert directly behind Mr. Yarnall's garage, hounds were soon giving tongue and with great determination and cry set off towards Fox Creek Farm, then swung right and on to Cherry Knoll where there was considerable excitement at the panel Cherry Knoll where there was considerable excitement at the panel going toward Innes' when someone's horse let out a flying kick and caught the bit of Larry Illoway's mount with a resounding crack. Hounds sped on to Innes' and from there to Mr. Battles' pines from where with terrific speed, they fairly flew without a moment's check to the meadow directly below Mr. Yarnall's house, giving us all we could do to stay with them. Bearing right our pilot took us back of the garage do to stay with them. Bearing right our pilot took us back of the garage over into the Newbold's, through Mr. Pepper's, across the White Horse Road, by the Crawford's driveway, through Innes' woods and to'the edge of Brook's where hounds threw up their heads and after several casts it became evident that our fox had successfully eluded his pursuers. At this it was agreed to call it a day and among those who headed home with hounds were: the and a day and among those who headed home with hounds were: the Joint-Masters, "Bunny" Sharp, Morris Cheston, "Gwinny", and Bill Strawbridge who having just come out to join us was the only dissenting volce in the decision to say "finis".—C. C.

and the young entry in both pack the Field joining enthusiastically in the spirit of the sport. Kills more frequent than is usually expected served well to build keenness into the pack. By the end of the month, Field, horses and hounds were ready and fit for the opening of the regular season of afternoon meets—Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The first Saturday in October and

The first Saturday in October and the season was underway with a goodly number out including quite a few new members.

Good sport was enjoyed through the fall season, although war weather was generally the rule.

The outstanding hunt of the year thus far was reached on a beautiful blue and gold Saturday early in November—weather very warm and little, if any, breeze.

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Hounds were met by the Field at Round Top on the Washington Road, and moved off northward promptly at 2.00 o'clock. Covert after covert was drawn blank—not a whimper—Huntsman Coe and his hounds worked westward along the ridge toward Michigan Woods. Finally, crossing Mr. Wolf's farm this big covert was reached and one that seldom lets us down. Hounds were cast in the northerly part for a final try before going home. Four-thirty, the shadows long, and the temperature dropping—a beautiful burst of music—and the fox broke to the south and east across open fields heading straight for Morgan Run, the pack running well bunched and pressing him hard.

Down the run he went, finally erossing the ridge to the east and running to the Nicodemus Road, where he turned and headed for the swamp along the run. Crossing the meadow before the swamp, he was viewed by the entire Field.

Back up the run to the Taylorsville Road, turning again and down to the Wolf farm, swinging east and around the meadow, back into the big covert and heading straight for Flickner's, where he was first found—the pack still running so that a blanket would have covered them all and with music that would have satisfied the ears of the gods—driving him hard—so hard, in fact, that he couldn't stop at his own front ing him hard—so hard, in fact, that he couldn't stop at his own front door, but went on to cross the Taylorsville Road north of the woods—here a brief check of a moment or two—a hound crossed and opened and the pack flew to him and a moment later "who—whoop" as they rolled him over—5.15 and the moon was shiring brightly—the entire was shining brightly—the enfire pack of 17 1-2 couples were all pre-sent, as were most of an enthusiastic Field.

It was a truly great hunt—45 minutes of hard riding—over well panelled country and open rides through the woods that made staying with hounds only a matter of

speed.

It was a happy and well contented group that made its way back to the kennels for tea and an enthusiastic discussion of the events of a day that started with little promise, but, finally, furnished great sport and plenty of action.—W. T. B.

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# ANNOUNCING

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# PIEDMONT POINT-TO-POINT RACES

Wednesday, April 2 2:30 P. M.

(To be run over a flagged course of about 5 miles at Rokeby Farm, near Upperville, Va.)

ROKEBY CHALLENGE BOWL. Race for Gentlemen. Weight 175 lbs. To be ridden by regular followers of a Recognized Hunt, acceptable to Committee. The Rokeby Bowl to be presented to the owner of the winner, to be held for one year; a piece of plate also to be presented outright to the owner of the winner. The Bowl to be kept outright if won three times by the same owner, not necessarily consecutively, and not necessarily with the same horse.

HEAVYWEIGHT RACE FOR GENTLEMEN. Weight 20) pounds. To be ridden by regular followers of a Recognized Hunt, acceptable to Committee. Minimum of four starters to constitute race. Otherwise, if two or more starters, contestants will start in Rokeby Challenge Bowl race to be run for Heavyweight plate. A piece of plate to be presented to the owner of the winner.

RACE FOR LADIES. Side-saddle or astride. Minimum weight 145 pounds. (Riders in this race not restricted to owners or members of their immediate families). Minimum of four starters to constitute race. A piece of plate to be presented to the owner of the winner.

The Committee

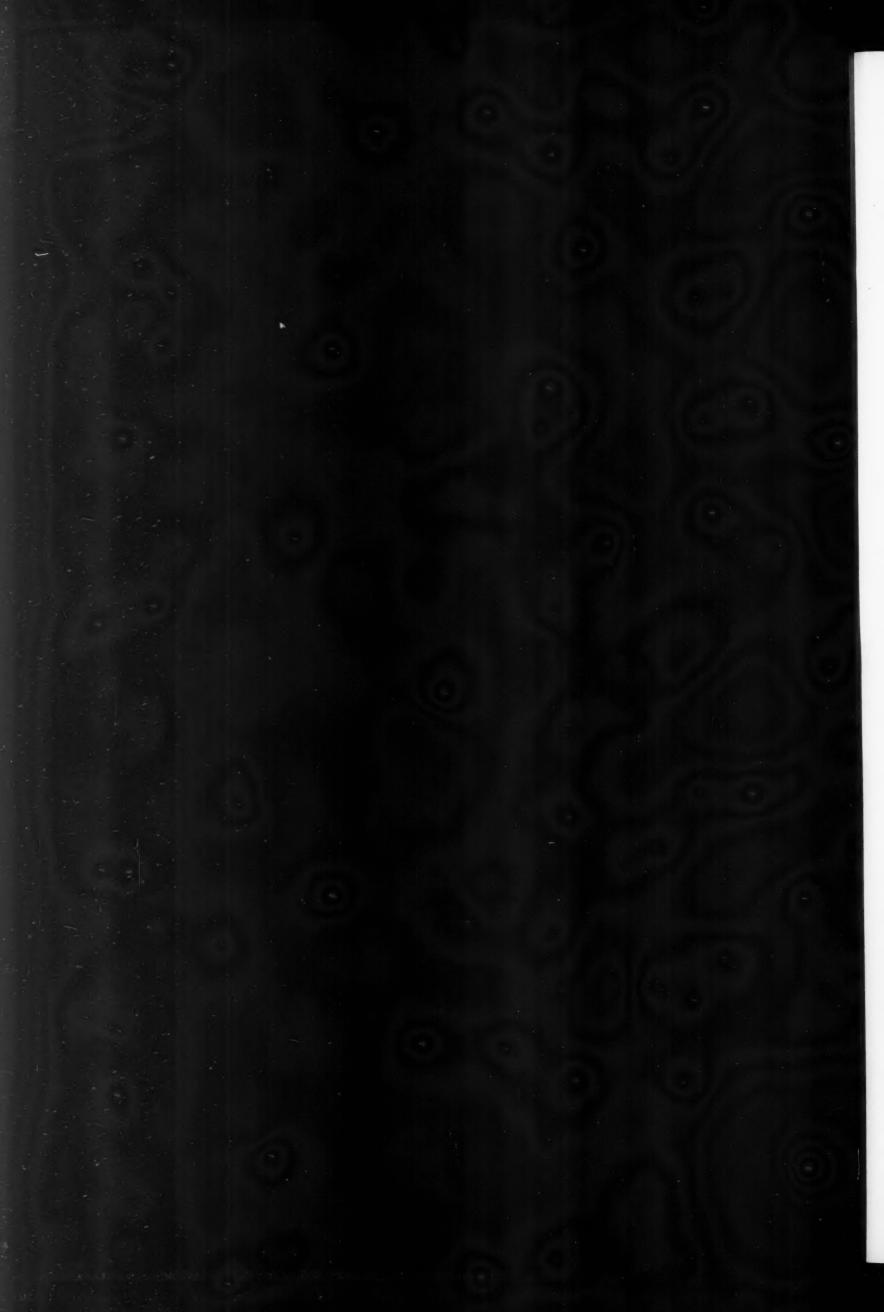
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#### Marshall's Genius For Portraiture Example In Art

Ben Marshall, one of the most versatile artists of the 18th century had a great talent for portraiture. His picture on the cover this week which was exhibited by Arthur Ackermann and Son in the Baltimore Museum of Art during their exhibition of sportling paintings is an unusual racing scene. Marshall's gift for reproducing likenesses led him to paint posed pictures. Many of his racing pictures include jockey, trainer, owner grouped around the horse and such a grouping thus furnished the display for his great powers.

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The picture on the cover, however, of a great match race between two of the "cracks" of the day is Marshall in pure action. It is still, however, photographic. The action is poised in suspense as if the camera had just closed the shutter and caught the final moment of the race. Although the principal figures cannot be observed as they rush by, the artist has made full use of the spectators on the course and each face is reproduced with meticulous care.

Marshall had a rare genius and

is reproduced with meticulous care. Marshall to set the example of his career, the skill with which he placed expression and character into his pictures and still was able to portray a sporting scene is a marvel of his art. What artist today is doing such work? The camera has taught action but it remains still for the brush of Ben Marshall to set the example to his Marshall to set the example to his contemporaries past and present of portraiture in sporting art.

## **Tryon Hunt Plans** 3 Race Card In April; Brush, Timber, Flat

Carter P. Brown, M. F. H. Tryon Hounds, (N.C.) has announced a hunt meeting, which will be held in Tryon, N.C., on Saturday, April 5. This card will include 3-mile brush race for a purse of \$500, to be known as The Block House Steeplechase, a 2-½ mile timber race for hunters to be known as "The Tryon" and a ¼ mile dash for riders under 17, mounted on ponies, mules or horses.

These races will be the first of

These races will be the first of their kind held in Tryon since the popular and successful meets at Harmon Field several years ago.

The races will be run on "The Block House" estate of A.D. Plamondon, Jr., Chicago, Ill. Mr. Plamondon is co-chairman of the meeting, with Carter Wilkie Brown, son of Mr. Brown, M.F.H., president of the club. Herbert Thatcher is club secretary, and Horace Newman and Charles F. Lynch and Nelson Jackson III are members of the board of directors. The meeting will conflict with the well known Deep Run Hunt Races to be held near Richmond, Va., April 5. The Deep Run Races will be revived for the first time since 1942.

revived for the first time since 1942. A card will be advertised, which includes a number of "novice races".

#### **Owners And Trainers** Readying Jumpers For Carolina Cup

For Carolina Cup

Harry D. Kirkover, guiding spirit of "Springdale Course", setting of the famed Carolina Cup Hunt Meeting Races and wintering training grounds for many of the leading 'chasers in the nation, has announced that conditions for the Camden Carolina Cup hunt meeting races will be announced shortly.

Mr. Kirkover is sending out a survey to 'chasing owners and trainers in order to best determine the type of horses available for his "first of the spring hunt meetings" fixture. The cooperation of all owners and trainers has been requested in this matter that the most desirable card of races with the best possible conditions can be incorporated. Many owners, such as Mrs. Esther du Pont Weir, Kent Miller, Louis Stoddard, Jr., George H. Bostwick, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark and others, wintering horses in the Carolinas, will have runners.

Carter P. Brown and his gentleman rider sons of Tryon, N. C. will be down for a go at the timber race, which will be for novice horses. Paul Mellon's \*Paul Revere, an Irish-bred, is the only timber horse training in Camden, S. C. in the barn of James E. Ryan. This big bay

Irish-bred, is the only timber horse training in Camden, S. C. in the barn of James E. Ryan. This big bay has nothing to school with and recently turned in an easy-moving bold-jumping mile school of 6 fences.—The brush, rail and hurdle courses are already constructed on the big course.

Mr. Newbold Elv's Hounds

Ambler, R. D. 1, and Zilonsville, R. D. Established 1929
Recognized 1931
aster: (1929) Newbold Ely.
ennel Huntsman: Charles Grisdale.
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On Jan. 17 the meet was at Mrs.
Hollingsworth's. Hounds worked across Hollingsworth's fields into Hoffman's with no results, then into Dubois' farm which was also drawn blank. They crossed the road going into Holmes' fields and continued down into the thickets along the creek. Here part of the pack opened far ahead. Our huntsman noticed that two hounds, Jolly and Jean, seemed quite interested in a hole along the creek bank. A rabbit popped out while we were waiting for the terrier to be brought up and things didn't look so good. After putting the terrier down, in he went and came out 20 feet away with no results. Whipper-in Nichols then put him in another hole, there were quite a few around. The terrier disappeared for about 5 minutes and then a beautiful large grey sprang out and a mad scramble ensued as the pack tore after him in a sight chase. Up the creek—under some fallen trees—and then right-handed through the brush fields to Holmes' lawn. Down to the creek and down the creek to a road—around anothlawn. Down to the creek and down the creek to a road—around another field and back to a thicket where they overran for a minute. Stonewall picked it up and they went away along the hedgerow that paralleled the road. The chase extended up over the hill, into the woods along Stump Road, across the road into Witchwood Farm's fields, then swung right-handed, down through another woods. They came out at the bottom of the woods and headed down the creek, with Dixie, McFee and Gloria leading the pack. The chase ended abruptly as our fox went to earth. On using the terrier again we dispatched 2 greys that were molesting the neighboring farmer's chickens and gave one to Mr. Warren and one to Mr. Wilson,—the two farmers whose lands were er field and back to a thicket where the two farmers whose lands were adjoining.

adjoining.

On Jan. 28 a Field of about 20 met hounds at Mr. Trist's fields at 10:30 A. M. The weather was clear with a temperature of 28 degrees. Mr. Ely was hunting a mixed pack of 19 couples. As I have so often observed in the past, it is great to see so many farmers hunting with

this pack and each time I go out there seems to be an increasing number.

Hounds found almost immediate-Hounds found almost immediately. After crossing into Mr. Edward Moore's thicket they went away fast through Flood's woods, into Heckler's and we all had a good view of our pilot as he broke cover and ran up Heckler's back drive. Hounds were driving hard and we all had to step it up to keep with them. Our fox headed north through Walter's woods, then right-hand them. Our fox headed north through Walter's woods, then right-hand into Woodhead's and Kratz' fields and circling came back across the road into Carlson's and on through Trist's into Moore's thicket, on his second lap over the same ground. After crossing the road within 15 yards from his first crossing, our pilot headed south into Newman's fields and on through Kenas' woods, then swung left-handed un through then swung left-handed up through Lowry's woods and left again back to the Trist farm, where a check was made on the road. A good 3-hour run. Hounds were then lifted as horses were cooked. Secretariate.

#### THE SECOND RUNNING

Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point Meeting WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th, 1947

UNIONVILLE, (Chester County,) PENNA.

THE CARD WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. LADIES RACE
Any horse that has been regularly hunted with a recogn
on 1946-47 to be ridden by a lady in suitable hunting at
ids. Distance approximately 3 miles over fair hunting

2. HEAVYWEIGHT RACE

Any horse that has been regularly hunted to be ridden by a gentleman member of recognized hunt club in suitable hunting attire. Minimum weight, 195 pounds out carrying more than 15 pounds of lead. Distance approximately 3 miles over hunting country.

fair hunting country.

3. THE CHESHIRE BOWL

An inter-hunt competition to be run annually which must be won three times by the same hunt for permanent possession. Each recognized hunt club to send one or more horses that have been regularly hunted with that hunt, to be ridden by a hunt servant or any follower of that hunt in the hunt's livery. Distance approximately 3 miles over fair hunting country. Minimum weight 170 lbs.

It is hoped that every Master will specially endeavor to have his hunt represented in the Cheshire Bowl.

DEEP RUN HUNT RACE ASSOCIATION

# Spring RACE MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1947

Under Sanction of the Hunts Committee of

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**THE BROAD ROCK.** For Three-year-olds and upward. One and one-half miles over hurdles. Purse, \$1,000.

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THE DEEP RUN HUNT CUP. For Four-year-olds and upward. Three miles over post and rail. Purse, \$500.

THE RICHMOND PLATE. For Four-year-olds and upward. Two miles over brush. Purse, \$2,000.

**THE CURLES NECK.** For Three-year-olds and upward. One and one-quarter miles on the flat. Purse, \$600.

THE STRAWBERRY HILL. For Three-year olds and upward. Six furlongs on the flat. Purse, \$400.

NOTE: In Deep Run Runt Cup, special weight allowance of 10 lbs. for owner or member of immediate family, riding for self. Similar allowance of 5 lbs. in all other races

#### DEEP RUN HUNT RACE ASSOCIATION

FRANCIS T. GREENE, Chairman Race Committee 1407 State-Planters Bank Building RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

# **Warrenton Hunt**

11th Annual Old Fashioned

# POINT-TO-POINT RACES

Saturday, March 15, 1947

FIRST RACE FOR INDIVIDUALS, about 5 miles, over the War-

SECOND RACE FOR TEAMS OF TWO, lady and gentleman, about 6 miles over the Warrenton country.

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

THE TIME AND START OF THE RACES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE COMMITTEE AT 3 P. M. MARCH 14

For information telephone Warrenton 318 or Warrenton 372 after that time.

Committee

# "Comedy of Errors" In Harness Racing

#### Glaring Mistakes Mar Recently Published Encyclopedia; General Sporting Public Still Knows Little of Harness Racing

by Sulky

Few sports, particularly in the equestrian field, are as little publicized as harness racing. Except for the Hambletonian Stake for 3-year-old trotters, the stake races, horses and names of owners, trainers and drivers, and even the background and central figures in the background of the Standard-bred are unknown quantities to the general sporting public of today.

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Many examples of the ignorance of these facts are to be noted by browsing through a sampling of the books, magazine stories and even the sports writers' columns when trotting and pacing are the subject either directly or indirectly. The latest of these concerns a horse encyclopedia recently published which is reputedly a work of painstaking care. Yet in the items devoted to horses, races and other subjects allied with trotting and pacing at least two glaring errors are evident.

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The author (or editor as the case may be), for instance, not only captions a picture of Greyhound, the world's fastest trotter, with credit of a mile "in 1.56" as his world's record, but also repeats this error in the text. Actually, Greyhound trotted 2 miles, both in 1.56 in 2 different years, 1937 and 1938. The first of these did break the existing world's record of 1.56 3-4 held by Peter Manning. The 2nd was merely an unsuccessful attempt to break the first mile against time. However, and here the encyclopedia makes a grave omission, on September 29. 1938, just a year after he trotted the first mile in 1.56 flat, the son of Guy Abbey reduced his former mark to the present official world's trotting record of 1.55 1-4 at Lexington, Ky.

Another bit misinformation Another bit of misinformation concerns The Hambletonian Stake which is the subject of a brief paragraph in the same "horsemens' compendium". It is stated that the Hambletonian Stake was first held at Syracuse, N. Y. in 1926 with which this department finds no fault. But it continues with a statement that all Hambletonians since The Hambletonian Stake



that initial race have been raced at Goshen, N. Y. Actually, the second 3-year-old trotting classic or first renewal of the race was held at Lexington, Ky., while the third and fourth Hambletonians were trotted at Syracuse and Lexington, Ky., respectively before Hambletonian Stake No. 5 inaugurated the start of the race's long career in 1930 at the Goodtime track of William H. Cane in Goshen. That first Goshen trotting of the stake named for the progenitor of 90 percent of the trotters racing today was won by Hanover's Bertha, driven by Tom Berry, last year's winner.

In like manner, magazine articles that initial race have been raced at

In like manner, magazine articles which crop up around the first of August each year and deal with some phase of either trotting, pacing or the Hambletonian are certain to contain at least one common error. No mistake is more grating to the ears of a dyed-in-the-wool trotting, horseman or follower than to have some sports writer describe the race as "being run" when everyone knows that trotters that "run" are disqualified in a race. But year in and year out, trotters continue to "run" in sports writers' stories.

Still another "slick" publication last year described Nat Ray, driver of Guy McKinney, winner of the first Hambletonian stake, as "winning the first Hambletonian ever run" while later in the same story Billy Direct, the world's fastest pacer, got credit for being "the world's fastest trotter." In like manner, magazine articles

Many more instances such as these might be cited but the cardinal one of all, one which should make William Rysdyk, owner of the immortal Hambletonian 10, "turn over in his grave", occurred in a book of sports stories some years ago. In this opus, the name of the great progenitor of the American trotter was repeatedly misspelled, "Hamiltonian". No information is far better than mistnformation foistered on the public.

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#### Polo At Santa Barbara Until Mid-April; Notes From Sqdn. A and Aiken

By Tom Pilcher

All polo activity is now centered at the palatial Fleischman Polo Fields at Santa Barbara. With this plant now in full operation under the management of Harry East and under the sponsorship of "Pete" Jackson, some 28 players are now on the grounds, getting down to the serious business of tournament play. It has been arranged to play the

It has been arranged to play the Twelve-Goal Circuit Cup, the Jim Colt Memorial Cup, the C. K. G. Billings Memorial Cup, and the Santa Barbara City Cups.

Salta Barbara City Cups.

On Sunday, February 16, the first round of the Twelve-Goal Circuit was run off, before a crowd of some 2500 spectators. Bear Creek lined up against a team from the Riviera Country Club. The former, in what might be called an upset decision, beat the latter by the easy margin of 8 goals to 2. Bear Creek was fortunate in having Peter Perkins in the line-up, and he was well backed up by Billy Linfoot, a very promising young player from San Mateo who tallied with 4 goals. Dean Mullins at back turned in a bang up game, with Dick Leuschner at No. 1 taking every opportunity to score.

to score.

For the losers, Huthsing, Howden Fletcher and Illing did not play in the usual form they have displayed in the past, and on the day were decisively out-played. Peter Perkins again showed his brilliant "stick work" which distinguishes the player of international calibre.

The Santa Barbara season will

er of international calibre.

The Santa Barbara season will continue through until the middle of April when the venue will be at the Riviera Country Club, where it is hoped to play off the Will Rogers Memorial Cup Tournament and the Pacific Coast Open.

Up in the Squadron A. Armory Bobby Clark's Bethpage team beat the Essex Troop team in the finals of the New York Athletic Tourna-ment. This was a stirring match

throughout with the score 12-8 as throughout with the score 12-8 as the Bethpagers, Walter Stanlon, Walter Devereux and Bobby Clark outplaying Dr. Hooper, Buddy Hopper and Billy Reber throughout.

Mr. Clark's Bethpage team in the Metropolitan League, which numbers 6 teams, will be made up of

hers 6 teams, will he made up or Bill Rand, Johnny Burns and Mr.

The Aiken polo team played Augusta on Sunday, Feb. 16. Aiken's line-up included John Hosang, Eddie O'Brien, G. H. "Pete" Bostwick and Louis Stoddard, Jr., at back.
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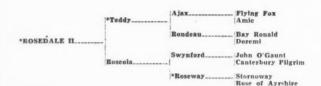
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#### **Notes From** Great Britain

Bricett Much Fancied For Grand National After Winning Cheltenham Cun

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There have been a good many enquiries as to the identity of Hugh Linsley in whose name runs Bricett, much fancied for the Grand National. As a matter of fact Bricett (winner recently of the 4-mile 'Cap 'Chase at Cheltenham), is jointly owned by Mr. Linsley and Mr. E. H. Johnson. The former is an auctioneer and valuer at Cockfield, between Bishop Auckland and Barnard Castle, and is well-known amongst sportsmen and agriculturists over a wide area in the north. He has some flat racers with Willie Stephenson, who was educated at Barnard Castle School, and whose forebears long hunted, farmed and bred bloodstock in Durham county. W. Hall has Bricett in training on his farm at Tadcaster, and many good judges were of the opinion that with more luck this horse would have gone near winning last year's Aintree event. Unfortunately luck enters very largely into the National, and, with loose horses, horses falling in front of others, and so on, it is really about 3 to 1 against any horse getting round, let alone winning. Nevertheless, Bricett's last any horse getting round, let alone winning. Nevertheless, Bricett's last year's performance, and his win at Cheltenham over 4 miles, has given him a big following.

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Arthur Nightingall's first Grand National winner (he rode 3) was on flex. Not many alive today will remember this horse, although Nightingall died only 3 years ago. Hex was owned by Mr. George Masterman, whose family were auctioneers, valuers, and trained some of their own horses at Middleham. Is northern Turf history to be repeated? Many think it is, and that Bricett is to follow flex's lead. Nightingall said of the latter, "I could have pulled flex up and trotted past the post. He never put a foot wrong, or made the slightest semblance of a mistake during the long, tiring Grand National journey, and I never hit him". Mr. Masterman gave his jockey a cheque for £1000 for winning the National, and later gave him the horse, which Nightingall used as a hunter. He described him as "a nailer to hounds, as honest as a christian (more than some of them), with a heart as big as a mountain, never throwing up the sponge, a magnifia heart as big as a mountain, never throwing up the sponge, a magnifi-cent lepper, and a noble doer."

Country House Kennels
All the descriptions of co

mansions written a century or so ago go into minute details as to the measurements, area covered, architecture and so forth of the kennels. They were such an integral part of the life of estate owners that this is not surprising. In "British Field Sports" (published 1818) by "William Henry Scott" (one of the nom de plumes of that prolific writer on horses and dogs, John Lawrence,) we have clear indication of the serious and careful consideration given by country gentlemen to erecting kennels for their hounds, gun-dogs, terriers and other sporting dogs. Here is a short extract from the advice he gives:

"The preparatory step to the erec-

"The preparatory step to the erection of a kennel ought to be the close inspection of several of the highest repute in the country, for situation and convenience of every kind, the principal being attended by his proposed architect. Perhaps according to ancient advice, a dog kennel ought not to be too near the mansion house.

mansion house.

"The several courts or yards, one of which is of grass, the other paved, the feeding court covered in, the boiling house, and certain useful store houses will complete the kennel. The aspect should secure the sun to as late a period of the day as possible, to bask in which the dogs take a particular delight, nor should shelter against its rays be deficient in the hot season. in the hot season.

'It is advantageous to plant trees "It is advantageous to plant trees around the grass court, with perhaps a clump in the centre. The two chief courts should be as spacious as can be allowed. About them may be placed urining posts, for the use of the dogs, which will be attracted to them by straw bound round the bottom rubbed with galbanum."

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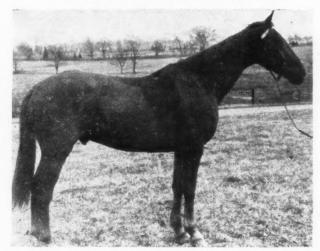
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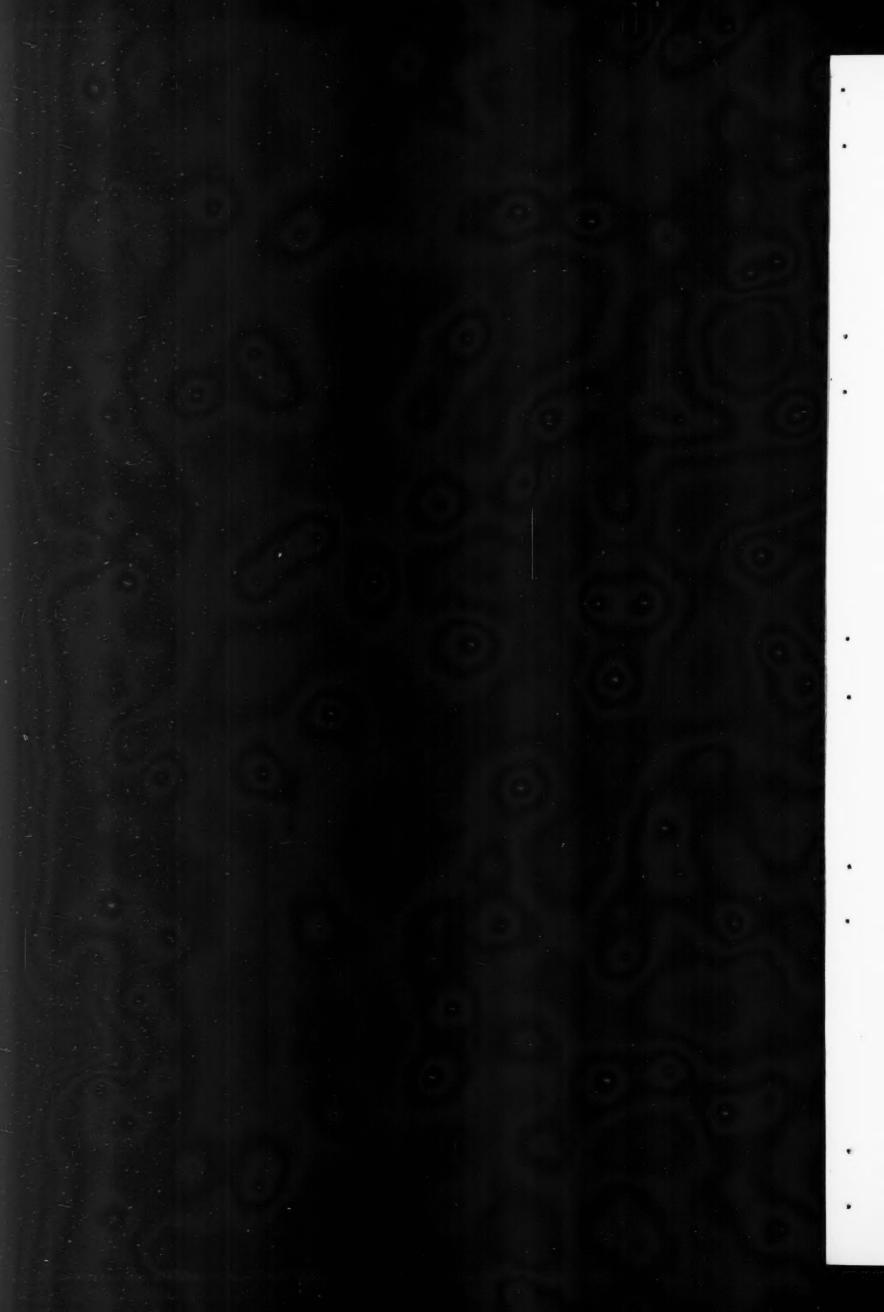
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#### Brandywine Hounds

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narrow woods almost to the bridge and we galloped along the ridge by the south edge of the woods and down wind of the pack. Hearing crows giving their fox cry ahead, I put on an extra ounce of speed and reached a little hillcrest in time to see our fox break cover and race south over the rolling fields of the Little Farm. The pack was out of cover right on his line, and dangerously close behind him. In fact, Jurist, in the lead, threw up his head and viewing Charlie, fairly flattened himself to the ground in his effort to overtake him. Now the whole pack was running to view, their cry took on a shrill tone, and the distance between the hounds and their quarry was steadily lessening

the distance between the hounds and their quarry was steadily lessening as they raced down a slope in the great field above the Brandywine.

Kenneth Caswell was galloping beside me stirrup to stirrup, and I said to him, "I hope they don't kill him". "So do I", he answered, "he's a gallant fox!"

Caswell was right in the first flight all through this run. I recall seeing him in the air over one of the biggish fences on the Glass place, which his chestnut hunter the Ginhunter took at point-to-point pace. Kenneth, by the way, is no longer a boy except in spirit.

But back to the run: The ground But back to the run: The ground now began to slope upward and this seemed to favor the fox, as he nearly held his lead to the top of the rise. Disappearing over the crest, he compelled hounds to come to their noses once more and gaining ground across the Little Farm pasture, he reached the little thicket on the Strickland Farm with a somewhat more comfortable lead over the pack. From here the run bore eastward.

From here the run bore eastward, over the Enderly Road, then through Cochlin's small covert and out south Cochlin's small covert and out south toward the Lenape Road. As hounds drove out of this covert, I blew a "Gone Away", more for the benefit of the Field coming on from the north side of the covert than for the hounds as they were running well packed together. This was the first time I had taken my horn from its case since the find. Indeed throughout this run, I could as well have been home in bed so far as helping hounds was concerned, for they been home in bed so far as helping hounds was concerned, for they never needed any help. With the exception of the moments spent in negotiating the woven wire fences at Featherbed Lane, you could have covered the pack at all times with the traditional blanket!

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Across Lenape Road they ran at the same hot pace, over Cochlin's wheat and meadow, across Plum Run, through the willow swamp and marked their fox to ground on the Home Farm.

Fourteen and one-half couples of hounds were at the earth and one-hound, Julep, joined us a little later. The other three hounds, Grappler, Darter and Daybreak had been thrown out of the run at Featherbed Lane but returned to Kennels before the pack came home after the later runs. It was 12:15 P. M., we had found at 11:30 A. M.,—making a run of just forty-five minutes,—with nothing that could be called a check and at top pace all the way! Bill Fowler held my horse while I cheered the hounds at the earth. Then, remounting, I moved them away promptly lest the fox be smothered.

Many of the Field had had enough, so as hounds moved off to draw the West Chester Woods they had a much diminished following.

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the West Chester Woods and drew south. This necessitated drawing down wind, but there was no help for it as we had covered the country to the north in the morning run. The woods proved blank and we held on over Slagen's Hill towards Hogpen Woods.

Hogpen Woods.

There we were joined by Judy Foulke and a friend who had been unable to get out earlier.

On the hilltop hounds struck a good line which they ran in a short circle and marked to ground in an earth in Bartram's orchard where we had marked a red fox to ground on January 4th.

on January 4th.

Frank Turner rode up at that moment to tell me that he had viewed another fine red in the field to the east of Hogpen Woods, but that it had gone to ground as he watch-

ed it. This was all due, no doubt, to the fact that hounds had approach-ed down wind.

the fact that hounds had approached down wind.

Gay Robinson who lives on the adjoining farm, then told me she believed there were still two gray foxes living in Hogpen Woods. I cast hounds into it and sitting still on my horse allowed hounds to draw it very thoroughly. For a long time there was not so much as a whimper from a single hound. The pack was spread out all through the covert. Had I been drawing for a red fox. I should certainly have counted it blank and called hounds away, but gray foxes lie very close, so I continued silent and the small Field waited patiently. Otho Lane and his daughter, Judy Foulke and friend, Gay Robinson, Lyle Johnston, John White and Fred Morrison were all who now remained, in addition to the whippers-in, Frank Turner and my daughter, sportsmy.

Jane.

Otho Lane is another sportsman who demonstrates that the sport of foxhunting may be enjoyed by those who have passed their teens. On his big gray hunter he was not far hehind the Field-Master all through the first run and I saw him at the earth soon after hounds had marked. He once said to me: "Gilbert, I have never had so much fun in my

earth soon after hounds had marked. He once said to me: "Gilbert, I have never had so much fun in my life as I have since I started hunting. My only regret is that I never rode a horse before I was sixty."

Presently, from the northwest corner of the cover I heard the voice of little Fashion raised in her high falsetto. All hounds in sight stood still with their heads up. Then the deep baritone of old Freelance confirmed it with the voice of authority and the other hounds rushed to them from all directions. A crash of music, and a gray fox was afoot, just in front of hounds. This one did not stay above ground more

just in front of hounds. This one did not stay above ground more than a minute, hounds marking him to ground under a tangle of briars on the north edge of the woods. At the same moment, however, Judy Foulke reported she had seen another gray fox running west through the orchard. Without delay, I put the pack on his line, and then commenced a fast circling hunt that was most interesting to watch. The pack followed every twist and turn that the gray fox made as he circled and recircled the orchard and the Hogpen Woods, crossing his own trail repeatedly. At length he circled and recircled the orchard and the Hogpen Woods, crossing his own trail repeatedly. At length he decided the covert was too hot to hold him, and crossed the road into Crebilly Farm, over a field of plowed land and south over two big grassfields to n little thicket by a stream. There he must have laid down until the whole pack was in this little thicket, for just as I came in sight of it I viewed him coming back through the tall brown grass. He was quite black, and as he seemed to be heading for a farmhouse nearby, I hesitated to blow hounds on to him as I thought for a moment I was looking at some large variety of cat which hounds had disturbed from the little thicket. Nothing is less calculated to increase the popularity of a pack of oxyndunds than. variety of cat which hounds had disturbed from the little thicket. Nothing is less calculated to increase the popularity of a pack of foxhounds than killing someone's pet cat on their front porch. Not until I saw him turn from the direction of the house and streak for the woods was I certain it was Jurgray fox, and blew the horn sharply. The pack tumbled out of the little thicket and flew to the line. but this moment of uncertainty on my part had saved his brush, as he reached the Hogpen Woods in safety and after making one more turn of it and of the orchard, he slipped into an earth just ahead of hounds.

With fifteen couples of hounds and a further reduction in Field, we roaded south through Crebilly Farm to draw Brinton's Woods. Passing the dwelling house we were met by the owner, Jim Robinson, Jr. and his father, James K. Robinson. Gay Robinson who had come home a moment before, carried out her infant son for his first look at hounds.

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Hounds drew south through Brinton's woods without a sound, but nearing the extreme south end they showed great alertness, and I galloped through a swampy little ride and out into the open in time to see Frank holding up his cap, A fine Frank holding up his cap. A fine red fox had just left covert and run south over the hill. Hounds honored the line with a fine cry and raced away. We had to gallop around past DeNenno's house and on beyond

# CHRONICLE OUIZ

WHAT DOES THE TERM DAISEY CUTTER MEAN APPLIED TO HORSES ?



What is the difference between a buck and a stag?

What is a lurcher?

- WLat substance is used as a substitute for the scent of a fox in laying a drag?
- What is the origin of the word "bay" as used to describe the color of a
- 6. What is the meaning of the term "figging"?

(Answers on Page 23)

Charlie Davis' to avoid wire. We could see the pack flying on south, crossing the Dilworthtown Road crossing the Dilworthtown Road and on through the east end of Hoffand on through the east end of Hoffman's Hollow. Right south through the Hollow we went at the gallop, the pack running on over Gilbert Lytell's farm, across the Fox Hollow Road and over Biddlebrook Farm on a line so straight it might have been drawn by a surveyor.

Frank and the others wisely drew rein here to see if the fox would turn west through Jim Kann's woods, but I thought the fox might be making for the main earth on

turn west through Jim Kann's woods, but I thought the fox might be making for the main earth on the hill to the south of the woods. So I hurried on through. The fox had indeed run to that earth but had kept right on past it, as I just caught a glimpse of the tail of the pack as they turned west and headed for the rough country near the Green Stone Ruins.

I later measured on the map the distance from the find to the point where the pack made its first turn. It was 2 1-2 miles as the crow flies. I could not keep pace with hounds through this rough section, but could hear them going on ahead. Making the best time I could, I worked my way through the woods and over the rocky stream and reached a little eminence south of Jim Kann's house in time to see the pack streaming into the west

Jim Kann's house in time to see the pack streaming into the west end of Hoffman's Hollow, a good mile away. Riding on north to the summit of Sugarloaf Hill, I joined Frank, Ann, Jane and Lyle Johnston. We waited there a few minutes, thinking the fox might turn back towards us up the Hollow. Jane's horse had cast a shoe and she had changed to Nizor which John White had been riding. Hearing no sound to indicate that

John White had been riding.

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the pack might be turning towards
us, I set out for the west end of
Hoffman's Hollow, while the others
rode north to intercept the pack
should they turn east through MacIvor's, the next small valley to the
north north.

north.

Reaching the trail through the west end of the Hollow, I could hear hounds running on to the northwest beyond Mat Denning's, so I pressed on through the Hollow and out into the fields on the north side. I recalled reading that General Baron Von Knyphausen and his Hessian Dragoons had gotten themselves all tangled up in this Hollow during the Battle of Brandywine, and I could well appreciate their difficulties.

Modifficulties.

Now I caught sight of Julep and Palladin, evidently left somewhat behind in the Hollow, running on

north toward MacIvor's Hill. There north toward Macivor's Hill. There a friendly man on foot pointed and waved me on towards John Wiley's woods, and reaching it I could see the pack casting themselves in the field beyond in an effort to recover the line which they had momentarily lost.

It was now 3:15 P. M. Little John was a little tired and going just a bit short in front, so while I believed our fox had turned eastward up Wiley's Meadow, I decided to stop hounds.

Calling them to me. I started with them for home up the road past Wiley's house. There I was joined by Frank and the others who had come around from the northeast. All were quite ready to call it a day. Johnston's horse had cast a front shoe.

John Wiley and his daughter. Maryanne, said they had seen the fox run up the meadow past their barn, and Pandar had left the road and was about to speak on the line. Not wishing to work hardship on the horses, however, we called Pandar back and roaded for home. We arrived at kennels at 3:45 P. M. with 15 couples of hounds, and Jonas Lund reported the other couple and a half had returned some 15 couples of hounds, and Lund reported the other and a half had returned some

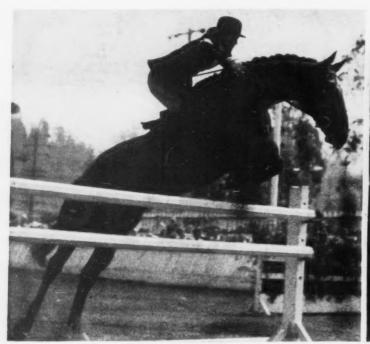


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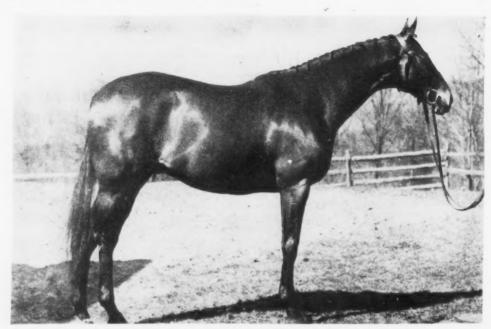
# Personalities of The Show Ring



MISS AUDREY SCOTT, movie stunt girl from Canoga Park, moviegoer, SOLDIER participates in the horse shows in the working hunters with perfection. Humphrey Photo. the San Fernando Valley and is quite a favorite with the spectators. In 1946 he won 3 first and 1 third in his successful campaign in the California show ring circuit.



SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., holds several shows during Calif., has a double entry in her SOLDIER. When not the winter season, the latest of which was on February working on the movie lots over difficult and hazardous 2. Miss Sally Pencheon, Syracuse, N. Y., rode the Dwight jumps necessary to stimulate the interest of the average W. Winkelman's RENOWN to a winning performance in



ATAKAPA, brown gelding owned and shown last season by the Milton Hartman Stables of St. Louis. By BAD BILL out of TWINKLING, ATAKAPA enjoyed a most successful circuit with his numerous blue ribbon winnings.



THE P.H.A. met at Hotel Martinique, H. Y., on Jan. Joe Kingsley, Al Isgate, Allen King. Standing: David Leghorn. Left to right are shown Lieut. Colonel K.



THE 61ST QM. HORSE SHOW TEAM and some of the trophies 21. Among those present were, (left to right), sitting: won last year in Rome, Milan, Bologna, Florence and Wright, secretary; Ted Wahl who succeeds Jack Prestage N. Lafayette, Tech/5 Fred Walker, Tech/Sgt. Fred Mabe, as president, and Frank Hawkins. Carl Klein Photo. Tech/5 James McGuire, and Major Robert L. Leach.



# In the Country



Horse Show Dates
"The Chronicle Sporting Calendar", published the first week of each month will appear again on March 7. Readers are urged to communicate all corrected horse show dates and other additions immediately to The Chronicle, Middleburg, Va.

Daingerfield Dies

A member of the famed Daingerfield family of Ky., J. Keene Daingerfield, died at the age of 61 early in February. The late Mr. Daingerfield, a son of the late Maj. Foxhall A. Daingerfield, was a brother of the late Algernon Daingerfield, assistant secretary of The Jockey Club. Surviving are his son, J. Keene Daingerfield, Jr., owner, trainer and authoritative writer of Thoroughbred racing and bloodlines, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Daingerfield, also noted authority on the Thoroughbred. oughbred.

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Going Abroad

James Reynolds is as scintillating as the colors of his well known paintings. Now working on murals at The Shoreham, Washington, D. C., Mr. Reynolds has also found time to complete a book, "A World of Horses" which will soon be off the press. March 7 is the sailing date of the Queen Elizabeth on which he has booked passage and this will put him in England where he will be on hand for the Grand National, then to his native Ireland and on to Rome, where he will lecture at the American Academy. While in Italy he will have some Irish mares flown over to top flight Italian stallions.

Hunting Horses

Italian stallions.

Hunting Horses

Alfred G. Allen of Poughkeepsie,
N. Y. has just returned from a horse
hunting expedition. The trip of the
former M. F. H. of Fairfield Hunt
resulted in the purchase of four
Western horses and these soon will
be in transit to Mr. Allen's stables
in Rombout Hunt country on "Grey
Horse Run" farm, owned by Miss
Nancy B. Johnson. Mr. Allen is
planning to make these horses into
top class hunters and is well pleased
with the quality, toughness and
manners of his latest western-bred
products sired by Thoroughbred
horses standing at Fort Reno.

Altemus' Scotch Yarn
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Altemus
have moved into their Orange County Hunt country farm, the old Whiting place between Marshall and
Rectortown, Va. Mr. Altemus has
a hunter he is keen about, Scotch
Yarn, which topped Mrs. Raymond
Barbin's (Mrs. Mary Jackson's) dispersal sale some years ago, as a 2year-old. Scotch Yarn is a son of a
California-bred.

A Fox In A Blanket

Mr. and Mrs. William Gulick,
Joint-M. F. H.s of Casanova Hunt
have great sport with horse and
hound at their farm, near Warrenton, Va. Casanova Hounds are kenneled on their place and Mr. Gulick
hunts them as well, while Mrs.
Gulick acts as Field Master on days
when sufficient followers warrant
this. Coming home the other afternoon a red fox was seen to cross
their drive. This, they could not resist. They rushed to their stable,
gave orders, soon had horses tacked and hounds loosed from kennels.
The fox, suddenly appreciating the
onslaught, was gone away without
delay. When cornered in the woods,
he made up a slanting tree, some 35
feet in the air, crossed over on a
branch, to an upright tree. The
Gulicks sent home for an Army
blanket, thinking they could catch
the tree-climbing-red fox when he
jumped, catching him in a blanket,
fireman-like. The fox came down,
when the tree was shaken, got part
way, then lost his hold fell and
landed hard, a drop of 25 feet, but
ran off in his stride. Mr. Gulick,
who was at Ft. Riley during the
war, and a Cavalry officer, related
that it must be a right smart trick
to catch a fox in a blanket.

Three-Year-Old Hunter
Miss Sheila Eaton, daughter of

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Miss Sheila Eaton, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eaton, who
have a hunting-box in the Warrenton Hunt country, was home for a
week-end of foxhunting and holidaying from Bryn Mawr College.
With Casanova Hunt on Saturday,
February I, Miss Eaton was riding
a 3-year-old colt, owned and made
by Alex Calvert. This combination
of youth was a good one. The 3year-old, a Half-bred, is an unusual
jumper with manners to match and
has advanced quickly from his first
lessons last fall.

Walker To Walter

Walker To Walk
George Walker, steeplechase jockey, has made a gallant fight for recovery for almost 2 long years, ever since that all but fatal fall at Laurel in 1945. Jockey Walker, always a credit to the game of 'chasing, spent months on a board top mattress in a Washington hospital, now he expects to walk soon from the Medical College Virginia Hospital in Richmond, Va.

Thebes

Mrs. Laurens M. Hamilton has turned Thebes, Sanford Stud bred son of \*Archaic—\*Karine over to W. Burling Cocks for spring hunt meeting racing. The dam of this 10-year-old bay gelding was imported by the late John Sanford. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton will be in Palm Beach for the winter, having closed their Orange County Hunt "Byrnely Farm" the first part of January.

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#### Great Aunt Amelia

by AIDAN ROARK

Great Aunt Amelia writes that things have been pretty bad over there in Eire, what with the rain and the snow. Still she doesn't mind so much, if it weren't for the run of bad she's been having. Sanny that's she's been having. Sanny, that's her Greyhound, has distemper.

if it weren't for the run of bad she's been having. Sanny, that's her Greyhound, has distemper. She tells of how Sanny lies in front of the fire but the bit of wet turf they have to burn wouldn't warm a ferret, let alone a sick dog.

Great Aunt Amelia fell down and broke her foot last month. She was having a knock-up, (playing a bit of squash). She doesn't mind so much about her foot but it worries her for the Carlow Hunt ball is coming off next month and she hasn't missed one for 40 years.

It is 12 years now since the mangy fox bit her and they had to chop off her foot. The bit of Elm they made for Great Aunt Amelia 1 a ste d well enough, but she thinks the damp got into it.

Due to the coal shortage in Eire, every scrap of wood is used either for cooking, heating, or retained to make receptacles for ageing whiskey. Aunt Amelia has applied to the government repeatedly but they absolutely refuse to grant a priority for a wooden foot.

G. A. A. loves to dance. She likes the Conga, a dance she picked up from an American couple who was hunting with her. Naturally, I hate to think of Aunt Amelia missing the ball so I am sending her a chunk of California Redwood by air hoping it will get there in time. Dennis Clancy, the carpenter, is a great one to make furniture, so I know he will make Aunt Amelia a beautiful new foot. That is, if he hasn't a drop too much taken when the wood arrives.

#### Chronicle Quiz Answers

- A horse with action so low that he skims the ground and "cuts daisies".
- 2. A buck is a mature male fallow deer; a stag is a mature red deer.
- 3. A breed of dog, much like a rough coated greyhound, used largely by poachers in England. They are expert coursers and hunters and are perfectly silent in their work, never giving tongue.
- 4 Aniseed.
- 5. It is said to have originated from resemblance of the color of horse to the color of dried bay
- Putting ginger under the tail of a horse so as to make him appear more spirited.

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